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FISHING

*Fish the streams,
creeks, rivers
and lakes of the
Greater Niagara
Region for trout,
muskie, salmon
and more!*

COME FISHING IN GREATER NIAGARA.



Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties combine to form Western New York's angling haven. Simply put, Greater Niagara's sportfishing opportunities are unequalled. The region is literally surrounded by fertile waterways that consist of *two Great Lakes*, several important rivers, the Gateway to the *Erie Canal* and beyond, as well as Great Lakes tributaries, inland streams and lakes too numerous to mention. Loads of freshwater that's brimming with every major game species: *salmon, trout, walleye, bass, muskellunge* and *northern pike*; plenty of panfish like *perch, crappie, bluegill* and *sunfish*, too. You name it, it's probably swimming someplace in the Greater Niagara Region. To the north, *Lake Ontario* is best noted for its salmon and trout fishing. The stretch of water from the mouth of the *Niagara River* (known as the Niagara Bar) to the *Point Breeze* area where the *Oak Orchard River* waters flow offers some of the finest, most consistent lake and tributary fishing on the planet. In between are the ports of Wilson and Olcott. Year-round action is available for *king* and *cob* *salmon, lake trout, rainbow/steelhead trout, brown trout* and more. To the west is the Niagara River, both above and below mighty and majestic Niagara Falls. The area below the falls is teeming with trout and salmon in the fall. Trout continue into June, at which time the bass and walleye take over. Above the falls in the upper river is the world of the musky and bass (both largemouth and smallmouth). Further

south, *Lake Erie* is known for its trophy smallmouth bass and walleye fishing, but the trout fishing has really come on strong in recent years. Lake Erie tributaries have an excellent reputation for steelhead and lake trout fishing is improving with age, too. To the south *Cattaraugus Creek* is the kingpin of the tributaries. In the southeast corner, it's *Silver Lake* in Wyoming County. It, too, has an excellent reputation for walleye. When the weather turns cold, there isn't a better ice fishing lake in the region either. To the east, the *Genesee River* flows through Letchworth State Park and *Sandy Creek* makes its way from Lake Ontario and into the farm land of Orleans County. Cutting a path right down the middle is the Erie Canal, another underutilized and underrated fishery. Throw in some other great inland fisheries like the native trout in *Wiscoy Creek* or the state-stocked waterways of *Oatka* and *East Koy creeks* and you can see there's something for everyone. From the novice to the avid angler; from the kids to the adults – the whole family can enjoy Greater Niagara's fishing mecca. Find a secluded location to take in all nature has to offer or compete against the masses in some of the top fishing competitions on the Great Lakes. Haul your own boat or let one of the area's qualified charter captains do all the work for you – except reel in the fish, of course. Fishing means many things to many people and Greater Niagara is the perfect place to make those memories that will last a lifetime – reel memories for real people. We're only a cast away!



NORTHEAST OUTDOORS



RAY MINNICK

AMERICAN FALLS/ NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

Goat Island/Three-Sisters Island
Niagara Falls, NY
(716) 278-1770

www.niagarafallsstatepark.com

Several trails of wilderness programs. Open dawn - dusk.

ARTPARK STATE PARK

450 South Fourth Street
Lewiston NY, 14092

(716) 754-4375

(716) 754-9000 / www.artpark.net

Several trails and paths to cast from. Various hours, depending on shows and events.

BOND LAKE NATURE CENTER & PARK

2551 Lower Mountain Road
Ransomville, NY 14131

(716) 731-3256

Exhibits plants, wildlife, and geological exhibits.

Nature Center open SU, 12-4pm, and by reservation. Park open 7 days, dawn to dusk.

DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040

(585) 547-9242 (Summer)

(585) 547-9481 (Winter)

www.nysparks.com

This State Park features 1,846 acres of hilly wooded terrain. Deer and small game hunting is permitted in season with a park permit and NYS hunting license.

Open year round.

DEVIL'S HOLE STATE PARK

Niagara Falls, NY

Robert Moses Parkway, 4 miles North of the Falls

(716) 284-5778

www.nysparks.com

Stairway to the Gorge, beautiful scenic view of the Niagara Gorge. Open dawn - dusk.

DEWITT RECREATION AREA

Cedar Street

Batavia, NY 14020

(585) 344-1122

www.co.genesee.ny.us

Fish species include trout, black bass, walleye, and yellow pike. Fishing during park hours only. Ice fishing is not available

Summer (May 1 - Sep 30) 9am - 9pm, winter

(Oct 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

FISHERMAN'S PARK

River Road

North Tonawanda, NY

(716) 695-8520

www.nfwhc.org

Regular Thursday evening concerts. Open dawn- dusk.

FORT NIAGARA STATE PARK

Fort Niagara State Historic Site

Robert Moses Parkway (Route 18F)

Youngstown, NY 14174

(716) 745-7611

www.nysparks.com

Historic location with a variety of activities for all ages. 9am daily, year round. Seasonal admission.

TRIBUTARY AND FLY FISHING OPTIONS

The Greater Niagara Region is a sportfishing mecca, offering a potpourri of opportunity from boat and shore fisherman alike. Tributary fishing is one of the fastest growing activities in the country and the region offers some outstanding options via the Great Lakes and inland streams. Whether you're looking for big water or small, we've got it all in Greater Niagara!

Fly fishing for trout and salmon is more than just a popular pastime. It's an art form that is gaining in popularity. In Erie County off Lake Erie, one of the top waters is Cattaraugus Creek. Other good areas to try include Delaware Creek, Big and Little Sister creeks, 18 Mile Creek and the Buffalo River. Niagara County's big one is a different 18 Mile Creek at Burt Dam, excellent for both salmon and trout. Other good tribs include 4

Mile, 12 Mile (east and west branches), Hopkins and Keg creeks. Orleans County's headliner is the Oak Orchard River. However, Johnson, Marsh and the upper reaches

of Sandy Creek can be excellent, too. Oatka Creek in Genesee County is another excellent trout stream, receiving stockings from the state every year. The Genesee River as it flows through Letchworth State Park in Wyoming County is another good tributary for shoreline casters and waders, and smallmouth bass and walleye are available above and below the park. Wiscoy is the fifth largest trout stream in New York State, offering premier fly fishing for the advanced angler to catch a wild trout in its natural environment. East Koy also offers good fishing.

Here's a few simple tips that may help with your fly fishing prowess as you try and tackle the wily trout and salmon on their home turf, wherever that may be.

Take your time No need to get up at the crack of dawn for winter trout fishing. These fish like a little sun on their backs to warm them a bit before they become active. In the fall, when waters are still a bit warmer, hitting the water early could be a key to success if that creek is super clear. If you want to stay away from fishing pressure, try fishing during the week.

Baby Rainbow If you're looking for an irresistible bait for bedding steelhead in the spring, tie on a baby rainbow fly and hold on.



Nymphs Proper presentation is the key to nymphing success, allowing for your offering to move naturally at the proper depth. More often than not, that will be on the bottom. The longer you can keep your bait on the bottom, the more fish you'll catch as you target their preferred zone.

Egg Imitations Imitating the eggs of other fish, be it for salmon, steelhead or brown trout, is one of the most popular approaches on the tributaries. Glo Bugs or yarn balls are the standard for some, while others prefer patterns like Carpet Flies, Scrambled Eggs, Sucker Spawn and some similar offerings. Water clarity will dictate size of your bait, downsizing with clearer water conditions.



Streamers Adequate weighting, along with the position of those weights on streamer flies, is important. So is proper line control when working your bait along the bottom. Any sudden interruption of your drift is your signal that a fish may be knocking on your door for dinner.

Wet Flies Wet flies can very well be your most versatile ammunition and can be fished year-round with consistent success. When you can't get trout to take your surface baits, don't be afraid to make a switch to the wet ones. For tributaries like Eighteenmile Creek in Niagara; Oak Orchard in Orleans and Cattaraugus in Erie, wet flies are the way to go in the deeper waters. You may have to experiment with sinking lines, split shots or drop weights to get your baits to where you want them - which is on or near the bottom. Using a float is also a tactic that many anglers will use to assist them, helping them to detect strikes and keep your bait moving.



These tips should help point you in the right direction. Most of the counties also offer fishing hotlines to call for timely fishing information. There are also some excellent websites available for current fishing conditions. Good luck and good fishing!



ANDY OLENICK

FOUR-MILE CREEK STATE PARK

Lake Road

Youngstown, NY 14174

(716) 745-3802

www.nysparks.com

Densely-wooded bluffs, play areas and freshwater fishing. Open dawn - dusk.

GODFREY'S POND

Griswold Road

Byron, NY 14021

(585) 343-8390

Fish species include pike, bass, walleye, trout, bullhead, crappies and bluegills. This facility is open to members only. Open year round.

JOSEPH DAVIS STATE PARK

Via Route 18F or Robert Moses Parkway

4 miles north of Lewiston, NY 14092

(716) 754-4596 / (716) 754-7766

www.nysparks.com

Open dawn - dusk.

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1101 Casey Road

Basom, NY 14013

(585) 948-5445

iroquoisnwr.fws.gov

Fishing is limited to designated areas throughout the year. Maps are provided online or at the refuge headquarters. Ice fishing is also offered in designated areas from Dec to the end of February. M - F 7:30am - 4pm, year round. SA - SU 9am-5pm, spring and autumn.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427

(585) 493-3600

www.letchworthpark.com

Lees Landing and St. Helena are the only two locations within the park you may fish. Most prominent species include smallmouth bass and brown trout. You may also fish at the Trout Pound and may land a carp, largemouth bass, brook trout or blue gill.

OPPENHEIM COUNTY PARK

2713 Niagara Falls Boulevard

Niagara Falls, NY 14304

(716) 731-5939

www.nfwhc.org

Stocked pond with panfish and trout.. Open dawn - dusk.

RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Routes 265 & 31

Lewiston NY, 14092

(716) 284-5778

www.nysparks.com

Open dawn - dusk.

SILVER LAKE

P.O. Box 265

Silver Lake, NY 14549

(585) 237-6310

750 acres of excellent fishing for large and smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, bullhead, crappie, sunfish and rock bass. Hard-water anglers will be attracted to quality ice fishing in the winter months.

PUBLIC LAUNCH SITES & MARINAS

NAME	OPEN DATES	ADDRESS (all in New York)	PHONE NO.
LAKE ERIE			
Erie Basin Marina	May - Oct.	329 Erie St., Buffalo	(716) 842-4141
NFTA Small Boat Harbor	May - Nov.	1111 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo	(716) 828-0027
South End Marina	May - Oct.	Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo	(716) 825-0333
Sturgeon Point Marina	May - Nov.	618 Sturgeon Point Rd., Derby	(716) 947-4452
Point Breeze Marina	May - Nov.	9456 Lake Shore Rd., Angola	(716) 549-3768
UPPER NIAGARA RIVER			
Niawanda Park	Year-round	River Rd., Tonawanda	(716) 695-1800
Isle View Park	Year-round	River Rd., Tonawanda	(716) 692-1890
Tonawanda Launch	Year-round	Sheridan Dr. & River Rd., Tonawanda	(716) 875-8721
Ontario Street	Year-round	Foot of Ontario St., Buffalo	(716) 851-5806
Big Six Marina	Call	Grand Island	(716) 773-3270
Bow & Stern Marine	Call	400 River Rd., N. Tonawanda	(716) 692-2316
East Pier Marina	Call	512 River Rd., N. Tonawanda	(716) 693-3304
Placid Harbor Marina	Call	Tonawanda Island, N. Tonawanda	(716) 693-6226
Smith Boy's Marine	Call	280 Michigan Ave., N. Tonawanda	(716) 695-3472
Griffon Park		River Rd. at 95th St., Niagara Falls	
Gratwick-Riverside Park		River Rd. near Witmer, N. Tonawanda	
LOWER NIAGARA RIVER			
Village of Lewiston Marina	Year-round	145 N. 4th St., Lewiston	(716) 754-8271
Williams Marine	Call	555 Water St., Youngstown	(716) 745-7000
Fort Niagara State Park	Call	Route 18F/Robert Moses Pkwy.	(716) 745-7273
ERIE CANAL			
Widewaters Marina	Call	Market St., Lockport	(716) 433-9795
Bolton Road Bridge Ramp		Telegraph Rd., Gasport	
Botanical Gardens Park		Sweeney St. at East Robinson, N. Tonawanda	
Canal West Park/Launch		Tonawanda Creek Rd. at Town Line, N. Tonawanda	
LAKE ONTARIO			
Hedley Boat Company	Call	Lake Front, Olcott	(716) 778-7771
Town of Newfane Marina	Call	Main St., Olcott	(716) 778-5462
Wilson Boat Yard & Marina	Call	57 Harbor St., Wilson	(716) 751-9202
Sunset Bay Marina	Call	Beccue Island, Wilson	(716) 751-6466
Golden Hill State Park	Call	9691 Lower Lake Rd., Barker	(716) 795-3885
Wilson-Tuscarora State Park	Call	Route 18, Wilson	(716) 751-6361
POINT BREEZE			
Captain's Cove	Call	14339 Route 18, Waterport	(585) 682-3316
Eagle Creek Marina	Call	1033 Lakeland Beach Rd., Kendall	(585) 659-8603
Lake Alice Boat Launch	Call	Oak Orchard River Rd., Waterport	(800) 724-0314
Orleans County Marine Park	Apr. - Nov.	Point Breeze Rd. at Oak Orchard Harbor	(800) 724-0314
Oak Orchard Marine Park	Apr. - Nov.	Archbald Road off Route 18	(585) 682-4888
Four C's Marina	Call	988 Point Breeze Rd., Kent	(585) 682-4224
Lake Breeze Marina	Call	990 Point Breeze Rd., Kent	(585) 682-3995
Oak Orchard Yacht Club	Call	1018 Archbald Rd., Waterport	(585) 682-9793
Orleans County Marine Park	Call	Point Breeze Rd., Kent	(585) 589-3198
Wiley's Riverside Marina	Call	1180 Point Breeze Rd., Kent	(585) 682-4552
SILVER LAKE			
Silver Lake State Park	Call	West Lake Rd. off Route 19A, Silver Springs	(585) 493-3600



THE SPECIES OF GREATER NIAGARA

Use this handy chart for descriptions of appearance, lures, locations, water temperature and depth.

WALLEYE

If you want to catch a limit of 4 to 7 lb. fish there is no place in North America better than Lake Erie. It's known as the Walleye Capital of the World! What's a little known secret, though, is that the Niagara Bar located at the Mouth of the Lower Niagara River/Lake Ontario hosts some of the largest walleye anywhere. Fish in the 14 to 16 pound class are taken (and released) annually. Best baits are spinner and worm for you drifters and slow trollers. For speed trolling Stick Baits and worm harnesses attached to downriggers, Dipsy Divers and side planers/planer boards work best. A jig tipped with a nightcrawler is also a tough bait to beat. Silver Lake is also an excellent walleye fishery.

MUSKELLUNGE

Musky is the king of freshwater and this majestic fish grows to mammoth proportions in the waters of Greater Niagara. Proof is the size limit of 54 inches for fish taken in Lake Erie in NY. Below the Peace Bridge in the Upper Niagara River and the Lower Niagara and Lake Ontario the size limit is 48 inches, still a monster of a fish. Giant baits trolled with wire line or Fireline are the ticket, although an increasing number of anglers are taking up casting the outside of weed edges to target these fish.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Largemouth bass have made a tremendous comeback to the Niagara Region. The presence of the zebra mussel, along with stringent pollution controls, has contributed to very clear water conditions throughout the Great Lakes. This has resulted in significant weed growth, giving the largemouth a place to grow and prosper. Largemouths are found in shallow, weedy areas of the Niagara River, as well as in bays and harbors lining the shores of both Ontario and Erie. Jig and pig along with plastic worms and spinner baits work best.

YELLOW PERCH

Olive green on the back turning to yellow on the underside with six to eight dark bands on their sides, yellow perch travel in schools so when you find one you'll find more of these excellent eating table fare. These fish can be found in good numbers throughout the Greater Niagara Region, especially in lakes Erie, Ontario and the Niagara River. Spring and fall are the best times to catch these fish with minnows and red worms the best baits. Current daily creel limit is 50 fish.

LAKE TROUT

Lake trout are part of a Federal restoration effort. Each year, New York's portion of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario receives around 620,000 fish. Lake trout abound in the Greater Niagara Region for a number of reasons. In Lake Erie, the Eastern Basin of the lake is some of the deepest and coldest waters in the lake, affording good angler opportunity for trollers working deep water shoals and reefs with spoons and stickbaits. May through August is the best time. One fish is the limit on this lake, the same body of water the state record comes from at 41 pounds, eight ounces. In Lake Ontario and the Niagara River, lake trout abound from the Niagara Bar to Point Breeze for those looking to target them. In the winter and early spring, lake trout actually run up into the Lower Niagara River and are easily accessible from both boat and shore. Out in the lake, these trout can be caught from January until September 30th when the season closes. There is a three fish limit in the lake, but a slot limit of 25 to 30 inches protects prime spawning fish. Average size in the river and out in the lake is 10 to 14 pounds. The previous state record of 39 pounds, 8 ounces came from the mouth of the Niagara River. In all of these lake trout waters, you've got an excellent chance at catching a 20-pound trophy, with an outside chance at a 30-pound fish!

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Both Lakes Erie and Ontario hold huge numbers of smallies and they grow to trophy size as well. Average catches are 20 to 50 fish a day can be enjoyed throughout the season with fish in the 4 lb. class not uncommon. Fish in the super-trophy 6 and 7 lb. range show up each year as well. Minnows and crawfish work best for those who choose live bait; tube jigs, grubs and other soft plastics like Reapers take the most fish when using artificials. An early trophy season on Lake Erie extends from the first Saturday in May until the third Saturday in June when the rest of the state opens up. There's an excellent chance for a statewide open catch and release season that could be in effect by 2006.

ATLANTIC SALMON

This specie was once indigenous to New York. Catching an Atlantic salmon is a rare feat, but once you catch one you'll remember it for a lifetime. Lake Ontario is the only water in the Greater Niagara area currently receiving stockings, with occasional fish showing up in Lake Ontario, the Niagara River and some of the tributaries like Eighteenmile Creek at Burt Dam or the Oak Orchard River at Waterport Dam. Minimum size for these fish is 25 inches long in an effort to protect them. These fish are often confused with brown trout for identification.

BLUEGILL/PUMPKINSEED

These popular panfish are just what the doctor ordered to keep young kids busy and happy. While these are two different types of fish, they'll often occupy the same waters, such as around sunken limbs, weeds or any type of shallow bottom structure. Red worms and small flies are the favorite bait of these feisty scrappers. They can be found in lakes Erie and Ontario, the Niagara River, the Erie Canal and most inland lakes and ponds.



BROWN TROUT

Most of the brown trout fishing takes place in Lake Ontario portion of Niagara County, although some of the Erie County inland streams may see some stocking. Browns can be found throughout the year in Lake Ontario or its tributaries, with the hotspots being Eighteenmile Creek at Burt Dam; Twelvemile Creek at Wilson; Johnson Creek; Oak Orchard River; and the lower Niagara River during fall and winter. Come springtime, the big lake is the best spot, trolling the shoreline during April and May. July and August are a good time to target browns out a bit deeper, but inside of 100 foot depths. Fish over 30 pounds have been caught. Anglers from around the world arrive in the fall for tributary brown trout action.



STURGEON

There are many species of sturgeon, but the one that's indigenous to this area is the lake sturgeon. Considered a threatened species in this state, this living fossil has been making a comeback on the local front. These fish are easily identifiable by the sharp bony plates along their back and sides; and by their long pointed snout. Lake sturgeon can grow to lengths of over six feet, weigh in excess of 200 pounds and live to be more than 100 years old. Your best bet at seeing and/or catching one of these fish is in the Niagara River. It is illegal to possess these fish.



CARP

Carp are quickly gaining recognition as a prized catch in Greater Niagara waters, especially since European anglers started coming over to sample our fishery. The result has been some impressive catches, including some fish over 40 pounds. Carp can be found in most streams, the shallow bays off Erie and Ontario, as well as throughout the Niagara River and Erie Canal system. Worms are a favorite bait, as is corn, dough balls or bread.



CHANNEL CATFISH

These fish are really making a mark on the local fishing scene, with a state record fish of over 31 pounds coming from Lake Erie waters in 2002. While that mark has since been broken by a 32 pound, 12 ounce fish, these fish can be consistently caught from May to October throughout Great Lakes waters. One of the best spots is the lower stretch of Cattaraugus Creek in the spring.



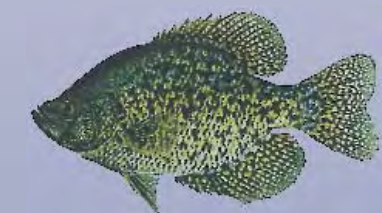
CHINOOK SALMON

The king salmon is one of the most sought after trophies on Lake Ontario. They can be caught from April through November, with one of the best times being April and May on the Niagara Bar. During the Spring Lake Ontario Counties Derby, more than 50% of all winning fish are traditionally caught from these waters. August and September are also good months in the lake from the Niagara River to Point Breeze. This is when these fish will move into the river and tributaries in an attempt to spawn. Occasional salmon will show up in Lake Erie tributaries, but no stocking is currently conducted in these waters.



COHO SALMON

This cousin of the Chinook normally doesn't get as big as the king. These fish show up in the spring and hang around into the fall when they follow the kings in to spawn. Only Lake Ontario receives stockings of these fish currently, but an occasional fish will show up in Lake Erie tribs. These are also popular fish to target with spoons and spinners off the piers at Wilson and Olcott during the spring when waters are just starting to warm. The world record comes from Lake Ontario.



CRAPPIE

Sometimes referred to as Calico bass, these tasty panfish can be found in the shallows of the Great Lakes, the Niagara River and even in the Erie Canal. Both white and black crappie can be found in the Greater Niagara Region with the best bait being a minnow placed two feet below a bobber. They will also hit small artificial lures. Best time of year to catch these fish is spring and fall.



NORTHERN PIKE

This first cousin to the musky can be found with frequency throughout the Greater Niagara area. Some of the weedy areas around the Niagara River, as well as some of the harbors off lakes Erie and Ontario, offer good opportunity to catch these toothy critters. Ditto in the Erie Canal, especially in the spring off feeder creeks. A chub fished under a bobber is a favorite shorefishing technique. Other popular baits include spinnerbaits, spoons, stickbaits – anything with flash. Fish over 20 pounds have been recorded from local waters.



RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT

The rainbow/steelhead trout are popular targets and can be caught throughout the year in Greater Niagara waters. These fish can be caught in the tributaries from September through May, depending on water temperatures. During the remaining months, they can be caught in both Great Lakes (Erie and Ontario) by targeting thermal structure in preferred temperature zones. Spoons and stickbaits are the most popular baits for trollers; drifters and casters like using egg sacks, egg imitation baits or live bait like worms or minnows. The top steelhead fishery in Niagara County is the lower Niagara River; in Erie County it's Cattaraugus Creek and Eighteenmile Creek. In Orleans County it's the Oak Orchard River. All streams with decent water flow will attract fish, however.



ROCK BASS

Often called "redeye," they can be caught spring, summer and fall throughout the Greater Niagara fishing area. Considered a panfish, they can be caught in relatively shallow waters under docks, under overhanging bushes or around any type of bottom structure. Worms, small spinners and wet flies seem to work best.



Ice fishing opportunities abound in New York State. Winter anglers catch a variety of fish; primarily perch, sunfish, crappie, pickerel, northern pike and walleye. In addition, many waters are open to fishing for trout.

Fishing through the ice requires skill and knowledge as does open water angling. But, anyone can ice fish successfully if he/she does the homework. Learning about the water to be fished, the equipment and its capabilities, proper clothing and safety precautions are all part of a successful, enjoyable winter fishing experience.

The Waters

The Greater Niagara Region offers some unique, interesting and productive hard water angling opportunities throughout the five county area. At the top of the list has to be Lake Erie, the shallowest of the Great Lakes. A huge ice boom is put in place at the head of the Niagara River when the waters hit 37° each fall. This allows for the lake to set up a bit more quickly when that magic 32° temperature is achieved, to the delight of ice fishermen. Jumbo yellow perch is probably the most popular target, followed by walleye. Anglers need to be a bit more cautious in the open lake than places like Sturgeon Point or the Buffalo Boat Harbor. Many of these marinas and embayments along the lake and into the Upper Niagara River are panfish havens. These same areas can also yield a trophy northern pike, as well. Up along Lake Ontario, Wilson and Olcott harbors in Niagara County are both good spots for ice fishing. Pike and panfish are the order of the day, but bonus trout are a very real possibility every time out. In Orleans County, Lake Alice is small but don't let its size fool you – great panfish action. The top inland lake for ice fishing action, though, is Silver Lake in Wyoming County. The first ever Trap Attack Ice Fishing Contest in New York was held there in 2005, attracting 143 teams from around the Northeast. It's also one of the first lakes to freeze over each winter, offering up some great panfish, walleye and northern pike opportunities. And this is only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak.

Ice Fishing Methods

Ice fishing methods include “jigging” with short, light fishing rods and using tip-ups. There are many different kinds of jigging poles and tip-ups. Much of the equipment is easy to make.

Jigging involves the use of a jigging rod or hand line and a small jigging spoon or lure which is often “sweetened” with a piece of bait. The jig is designed to dart around in different directions when it is jerked up and down by the angler.

The tip-up is basically a spool on a stick holding a baited line suspended through a hole in the ice. When the bait – usually a minnow – is taken by a fish, the pull on the line releases a signal, such as a red flag.

Clothing

For safe ice fishing outings, anglers need to be well prepared. Proper clothing is critical because most people do not move around much while ice fishing. Dress warmly, paying extra attention to your head, feet and hands – dressing in layers is essential.

Ice Safety

Safe ice is the number one consideration. A minimum of three to four inches of solid ice is the general rule for safety. Ice thickness, however, is not uniform on any body of water. The guidelines presented here are based on clear, blue, hard ice on non-running waters. Remember, your own good judgement is essential!

Check out our website
for more information @

www.GreaterNiagaraUSA.com

Ice Thickness Table

The American Pulpwood Association has developed a table for judging the relative safety of ice on lakes and streams. This is just a guide; use your own good judgement before going out on any ice. Avoid areas of moving water, including where streams enter the lake, and around spillways and dams.

ICE THICKNESS	PERMISSIBLE LOAD	ICE THICKNESS	PERMISSIBLE LOAD
3"	one person on foot	10"	truck (3.5 tons)
5"	group in single file	12"	truck (7-8 tons)
7.5"	one car (2 tons)	15"	truck (10 tons)
8"	light truck (2.5 tons)	20"	truck (25 tons)

Note: This guide is based on clear, blue, hard ice on non-running waters. Slush ice is about 50 percent weaker. Clear, blue ice over running water is about 20 percent weaker. Many ice anglers do not like to fish on less than five inches of ice, and do not like to drive a pick-up truck on less than 15" of ice. Use common sense!

Be cautious in areas where “bubblers” are used to protect docks. They can produce thin, unsafe ice some distance away. Be especially alert in areas near shore, over moving bodies of water and on lakes and ponds where streams enter or exit.

Remember, use the buddy system while ice fishing – it saves lives.

And, last but not least, the fishing regulations

In New York State, general angling regulations limit anglers to two jigging lines (or hand lines) and five tip-ups in most waters. Each tip-up must be marked with the operator's name and address; the operator must be in immediate attendance when the lines are in the water. Since special regulations apply on many waters, review the current fishing regulations guide when planning an ice fishing trip – and don't forget your current year's fishing license. To identify good ice fishing waters in the area where you plan to fish, check out the DEC website at www.dec.state.ny.us for office and hotline phone numbers and other links.

Article courtesy New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Bill Hills, Jr.



FISHING EVENTS IN GREATER NIAGARA

FEBRUARY

National Ice Fishing Tournament Super Trap Attack by Ice Team

Silver Lake State Park

(585) 493-3615

www.iceteam.com

\$25,000 purse.

MAY (FIRST FRIDAY)

Smelt Festival

5 pm - 10 pm

Center Street at the Lewiston Waterfront

(716) 754-7030

www.northofthefalls.com

MAY (FIRST FRIDAY AND RUN FOR 10 STRAIGHT DAYS)

Lake Ontario Counties Spring Trout & Salmon Derby

1-888-REEL-2-IN

www.loc.org

This premier spring kick-off classic, offering a \$10,000 Grand Prize for the largest trout or salmon caught overall, also sports over \$30,000 in cash and prizes overall.

MAY (LAST SATURDAY)

Learn To Catch a Fish Family Picnic

Letchworth State Park

(585) 493-3600

Carnival style event featuring games, activities, educational workshops, free fishing (no license required), free lunch and door prizes for all kids. Largest show of its kind in New York State.

JUNE (FIRST WEEKEND)

Gander Mountain's Annual Skip Hartman Memorial Lake Ontario Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament

1-800-338-7890

www.lakeontarioproam.com

Teams of anglers compete against one another over two days in Wilson and Olcott. \$10,000 first place prize for pros; \$5,000 first place prize for amateurs.

JUNE (FIRST SATURDAY)

(585) 237-2216

Kids Fishing Contest

Town of Perry's annual kids fishing contest.

JUNE (FIRST SATURDAY)

Youth Fishing Derby

(held in conjunction with National Fishing & Boating Week)

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

585-948-5445

iroquoisnwr.fws.gov

JUNE (SECOND SATURDAY)

Niagara River Anglers Kids Derby

8 am - 12 pm

Wilderness Preserve, Porter

(716) 284-8546

JUNE (SECOND SATURDAY FOR NINE DAYS)

Southtowns Walleye Derby on Lake Erie

www.southtownswalleye.org

JUNE (THIRD SATURDAY)

Wilson Kids Fishing Derby

Measuring at Wilson Conservation Club, Route 425, Wilson.

JUNE (THIRD SATURDAY)

Bond Lake Kids Fishing Derby

8 am - 12 pm

Lower Mountain Road, Ransomville

JUNE (LAST WEEKEND IN MONTH)

New York's Free Fishing Days 2005

(716) 851-7010

No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident (all the rules and regulations must be followed). A great time to get the whole family on the water and see how much fun it can be. The Town of Newfane also sponsors a kids fishing derby at the Town of Newfane Marina in Olcott (716-778-8531). Set for Saturday, this popular kids derby will start at 8 am. There will also be a kids derby at Hyde Park Lake this same weekend in the City of Niagara Falls. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be holding their Fish and Wildlife Festival this weekend, as well. For a location, contact (716) 691-5456.

JULY (FIRST WEDNESDAY AND RUN FOR 12 DAYS)

Erie Canal Fishing Derby

(716) 772-7972

www.eriecanalderby.com

The Erie Canal is spotlighted for this family-oriented fishing competition offering up more than \$8,000 in prizes. Eligible waters include from the Niagara River to the Main Street Bridge in Albion (Route 98).

JULY (SECOND WEEKEND IN JULY)

Oatka Creek Festival

(585) 768-6910

Youth fishing derby held each July on the Oatka Creek in LeRoy. This is a free event open to children ages 15 and under.

AUGUST (FIRST SATURDAY)

Sen. John Daly Memorial Bass Classic Derby

(716) 439-4417

Fort Niagara along the banks of the Niagara River. Cook-out and fish fry. Money raised to benefit Niagara Hospice.

AUGUST (FIRST SATURDAY AND RUNNING FOR 16 DAYS)

Orleans County Rotary Derby

(585) 589-9881 or (585) 589-3101

AUGUST (SECOND WEEKEND)

Orleans County Marina Wooden Boat Festival at the County Marine Park

Route 98, Point Breeze

(585) 589-3101

www.orleansny.com/tourism

AUGUST (THIRD FRIDAY AND RUNNING FOR 18 DAYS TO LABOR DAY) & SEPTEMBER

Lake Ontario Counties Fall Trout & Salmon Derby

1-888-REEL-2-IN

www.loc.org

Over \$50,000 in cash prizes including a \$20,000 Grand Prize for the largest trout or salmon caught during this 18-day event. Help anglers celebrate the return of the king salmon on Lake Ontario! \$25 for adults; \$12 for kids under 16. Sign up in local tackle shops or call.

SEPTEMBER

2nd Annual Fish and Chips Fishing Tournament to Benefit Cystic Fibrosis

(716) 686-9400

Lewiston

Fundraiser on the lower Niagara River to raise money for a worthy cause and fish for a cure.

SEPTEMBER (THIRD SATURDAY FOR NINE DAYS)

Annual Greater Niagara Fall Classic Derby - A Fish Odyssey

(877) FALLS US

www.fishodyessey.net

Last year, over \$15,000 in cash prizes were handed out to winning anglers at the New York Power Authority's Wildlife Festival. Categories include salmon, rainbow trout, brown trout, smallmouth bass, carp and walleye. Tournament held in all public waterways of Niagara, Erie & Orleans counties.

SEPTEMBER (LAST WEEKEND)

New York Power Authority's Wildlife Festival

(716) 286-6661

www.nypa.gov

A fun-filled family event with lots of hands-on displays, live animals and shows. Held at NYPA's Visitor's Center in Lewiston, the 2004 event attracted over 20,000 people.



LAKE FISHING IN GREATER NIAGARA

The Greater Niagara Region is blessed with some of the best fishing waters in all of New York State. This region is fortunate in that it has not one but two of the great lake's waters within the boundaries. And yet even though Lakes Erie and Ontario are side by side in the chain of the great lakes, they are as different as night and day.

Remember back to your school days and how you remembered the names of all of the great lakes? **HOMES**, which stood for Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior. Let's take a side-by-side look at our two great lakes.

	LAKE ERIE	LAKE ONTARIO
Average Depth	62 feet	283 feet
Maximum Depth	210 feet	802 feet
Shoreline Length	871 miles	712 miles
Water Retention Time	2.6 years	6 years
Water Surface Area	9,910 sq. miles	7,340 sq miles
Volume of Water	116 cu. miles	393 cu. miles

So what does the large difference of the two great lakes mean to the fishery that is available on each of them? Lake Erie, which would be considered a warm water lake, has what would be considered some of the very best Walleye, Bass and Perch fishing of any body of water. The Upper Niagara River is becoming known as a hot spot for great Musky fishing. Steelhead/Rainbow Trout fishing has greatly improved on Lake Erie over the last several years and there is some cold-water fishing in and around the Buffalo area of the lake. Lake Ontario on the other hand would be considered a cold-water lake and is a great body of water for Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Steelhead/Rainbow Trout and Atlantic Salmon. Along the shoreline of Lake Ontario, all of the warm water fish species can be found in great abundance.

If the thrill of fishing the big waters of the great lakes is what you are looking for, the Greater Niagara Region has a great charter fleet located on both lakes that can help you make your time on the water the most productive, educational and enjoyable that it can be. If you would prefer to bring your own boat to the area, there are plenty of marinas and launching facilities available to you. No matter what your fresh water fishing preferences are the Greater Niagara region has something that will just fit your needs.



ORLEANS COUNTY TOURISM

THE ECLECTIC OUTDOORS

Whether you dream of soaring among the clouds or keeping your feet firmly planted on the ground, the Greater Niagara Region can make your outdoor adventure dreams come true.

Head for the wild blue yonder with *Balloons Over Letchworth* for a sunrise or sunset hot air balloon ride launched next to the 110-foot waterfall in the “Grand Canyon of the East.”

Or, for those who prefer to know just how high their balloon will fly, the *Great American Balloon Company* in Niagara County offers a tethered helium balloon ride 400 feet over the magnificent Niagara Falls.

‘High flying adventure not your style?

Fields and woodlands throughout the Greater Niagara Region attract thousands of hunters annually. Plentiful big and small game species roam the region offering a variety of challenges for hunters of many pursuits. Seasons open for deer, turkey, squirrel, water fowl and rabbit throughout the year.

Archery, muzzle-loading, and traditional shotgun seasons provide big game hunters with the opportunity to bag some of the region’s largest deer for eight weeks during the fall. Test your skill on 2,700 acres of property at the *Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area* or the *Sulphur Spring Hill Cooperative Hunting Area* – both in Wyoming County.

The region’s proximity to Lakes Erie and Ontario as well as the Finger Lakes and countless creeks and streams, makes it an ideal hunting ground for a wide range of waterfowl.

Knowing the region’s rules and regulations helps ensure a safe and successful hunt. Contact the New York State Department

of Environmental Conservation at 716-851-7010 or 716-372-0645 for more information or check out the website at www.dec.state.ny.us.

There’s many ways to appreciate wildlife – among them birding, biking and hiking. Exploring the trails and paths of the Greater Niagara Region, you’ll find it’s home to a wide range of birds – from those commonly seen to rare sightings. One good place to see many species of flora and fauna is the *Bergen Swamp* in Genesee County.

While Wyoming, Genesee and Orleans Counties are considered the more rural counties where nature experiences abound at every turn of the trail

or highway in the Greater Niagara Region, you’ll find plenty of options to enjoy hiking and birding throughout Erie and Niagara Counties, too. *Hawk Creek Wildlife*, in East Aurora, is home to Walk With Eagles – an exhibit dedicated to those noble creatures.

Or try your luck at spotting a red-tailed hawk, pileated woodpecker or majestic great blue heron at *Dr. Victor Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve* in Depew. Right outside the heart of

Downtown Buffalo you’ll find the *Tiffi Nature Preserve*, a 264-acre nature refuge which earned the distinction of “Important Bird Area” in New York State by the National Audubon Society in 1998.

The *New York State Seaway Trail*, a National Scenic Byway, is a 454-mile scenic route that runs along Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, part of which is found in Niagara County. Along the trail in Niagara County is *Niagara Falls State Park*, *Devil’s Hole State Park*, *Whirlpool State Park*, and others, where you’ll find plenty of opportunities for hiking, birding, biking and a wealth of other nature experiences. Just grab your gear and go!



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HUNTING

BEAVER ISLAND STATE PARK

2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-3271

www.nysparks.com

Waterfowl hunting by permit, only in season.

CARLTON HILL MULTIPLE USE AREA

Bank Road
Wyoming, NY 14591
(716) 851-7010

www.dec.state.ny.us

Carlton Hill MUA is located 3 miles north of Warsaw in the town of Middlebury. This 2,700 acres tract provides good hunting opportunity for deer, turkey, waterfowl and small game. Adjacent to the state land is Sulphur Spring Hill Cooperative Hunting Area. 2,000 acres also open to public hunting.

CHUCK TIRANNO KENNEL & GAME FARM

5409 Salt Works Road
Middleport, NY 14105
(716) 798-1522

Hunting opportunities for turkey, deer, waterfowl, goose, and duck.

DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 547-9242 (Summer)
(585) 547-9481 (Winter)

www.nysparks.com

This State Park features 1,846 acres of hilly wooded terrain. Deer and small game hunting is permitted in season with a park permit and NYS hunting license. Open year round.



FORRESTEL FARM HUNTING PRESERVE

5409 Salt Works Rd.
Middleport, NY 14105
(585) 798-9110 / (585) 798-0222
580 acres of prime bird-hunting land. Hunts extend from Sep 1 to Mar 31.

FORT NIAGARA STATE PARK

Fort Niagara State Historic Site
Robert Moses Parkway (route 18F)
Youngstown, NY 14174
www.nysparks.com

Waterfowl, hunting with permit only during season. Open 9am daily, year round.

GODFREY'S POND

Griswold Road
Byron, NY 14021
(585) 343-8390

Godfrey's Pond is also known as the Genesee County Fish and Game Protective Association. Pheasant hunting is allowed in during a 5 month season. Open year round. This facility is open to members only.

GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK

9691 Lower Lake Road
Barker, NY 14012
(716) 795-3885 / (800) 456-3367
www.nysparks.com

Hunting for small game and waterfowl are permitted during season.

GRAY'S FARM

2839 Lockport Road
Oakfield, NY 14125
(585) 948-9269
Trapping and small game.

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1101 Casey Road
Basom, NY 14013
(585) 948-5445
iroquoisnwr.fws.gov
New York State's largest wildlife refuge with 10,818 acres serving the habitat needs of many animals and migrating birds. Call for hunting regulations and open game seasons.
M - F 7am - 4pm, year round. SA - SU 9am - 5pm, spring and autumn.

JOSEPH DAVIS STATE PARK

Via Route 18F or Robert Moses Parkway
4 miles North of Lewiston, NY 14092
www.nysparks.com

Small game hunting is permitted only during pheasant season, waterfowl hunting with permit only during season. Open year round.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600
Hunting in Letchworth State Park and Silver Lake State Park is by park permit only. Letchworth is in Wildlife Management area Unit 8M and the park requires 400 square inches of fluorescent orange be worn during shotgun season.

RAINBOW RIDGE PHEASANTS

47 Farnsworth Avenue
Oakfield, NY 14125
(585) 948-9123
Trapping and small game.

RINGNECK PRESERVE

2407 Broadway Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 547-3749
www.ringneckhunting.com

This preserve offers pheasant, chukar and quail hunting. Expert handlers and dogs are on premises and personal dog training is available during hunts. Season open Sep 1 - Mar 31. Packages available, reservations required. Pricing varies.

TAILS & FEATHERS

Hatter Road
Newfane, NY 14108
Shooting preserve, pheasant hunting opportunities. Open to the public, fee.

WILSON -TUSCARORA STATE PARK

3371 Lake Rd, P.O. Box 324
Wilson, New York 14172
Route 18, 1 mile west of Wilson, on the shore of Lake Ontario.
(716) 751-6361
www.nysparks.com
Hunting for small game and waterfowl is permitted during season. Closed for big game season. No hunting during deer season.

HIKING

AMERICAN FALLS/ NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

Goat Island/Three-Sisters Island
Niagara Falls, NY
(716) 278-1770
www.niagarafallsstatepark.com
Several trails of wilderness programs. Open dawn-dusk, fee for parking

ARTPARK STATE PARK

450 South Fourth Street
Lewiston NY, 14092
(716) 754-4375 / (716) 754-9000
www.artpark.net
Offers visual and theater arts, provides several miles of hiking trails. Hours vary based on shows, fee for parking.

BEAVER MEADOW AUDUBON CENTER

1610 Welch Road
North Java, NY 14113
(585) 457-3228
www.buffaloaudubon.org
Eight miles of trails. Trails open 24 hours a day. Explore various habitats including 40-acres beaver colony. TU-SA 10am-5pm, SU 1-5pm. Closed Mondays and holidays.

BERGEN SWAMP

6646 Hessenthaler Road
Byron, NY 14422
(585) 548-7304

www.bergenswamp.org

Host to many unique natural species of flora and fauna. Various trails are available for all nature lovers. Visits to the swamp and or group tours must be prearranged by calling the swamp caretaker.

BIKES & HIKES NIAGARA

526 Niagara Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14301
(716) 278-0047

www.bikesandhikes.com

2 hour self-tour of the best views of the American falls area. M – F 5pm – 7pm, SA – SU 9am – 7pm

BOND LAKE NATURE CENTER & PARK

2551 Lower Mountain Road
Ransomville, NY 14131
(716) 731-3256

Mapped nature trails are always open. Nature Center open SU 12-4pm, and by reservation. Park open 7 days, dawn - dusk.

BUCKHORN ISLAND STATE PARK

c/o Beaver Island State Park
2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-3271

www.nysparks.com

895 acres of marsh. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking.

DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 547-9242 (Summer)
(585) 547-9481 (Winter)

www.nysparks.com

Casual and hilly hiking trails are available through the 1,846 acres of wooded terrain.

DEVIL'S HOLE STATE PARK

Niagara Falls, NY
Robert Moses Parkway, 4 miles North of the Falls
(716) 284-5778

www.nysparks.com

Stairway to the Gorge, beautiful scenic view of the Niagara Gorge. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking.

DEWITT RECREATION AREA

Cedar Street
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 344-1122

www.co.genesee.ny.us

Features a 63-acre park with a 38-acre lake. Hiking available along trails. Summer (May 1 - Sep 30) 9am - 9am, Winter (Oct 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

FORT NIAGARA STATE PARK

Fort Niagara State Historic Site
Robert Moses Parkway (route 18F)
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 745-7611

www.nysparks.com

Historic location with a variety of activities for all ages. 9am daily, year round. Seasonal admission.

FOUR-MILE CREEK STATE PARK

Lake Road
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 745-3802

www.nysparks.com

Hiking trails along densely-wooded bluffs and play areas.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Road
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 344-1122

www.co.genesee.ny.us

Featuring 430 acres of forest and rolling hills with many clearly marked paths for hiking. Also has one of New York's only 'Braille Trails' for the vision impaired. Summer (May 1 - Sep 30) 9am - 9am, winter (Oct 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK

9691 Lower Lake Road
Barker, NY 14012
(716) 795-3885 / (800) 456-3367
www.nysparks.com

Six miles of trails. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking.

JOSEPH DAVIS STATE PARK

Via Route 18F or Robert Moses Parkway
4 miles North of Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 754-4596 / (716) 754-7766

www.nysparks.com

dawn – dusk, fee for parking

KRULL COUNTY PARK

6108 Lake Road
Olcott, NY 14126
(716) 778-7711

www.nfwhc.org

Free, Daily Memorial Day – Labor Day; 7am - 8pm. Winter outdoor ice skating rinks, year round recreation. Beach open seasonally.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600

www.letchworthpark.com

Over 70 miles of trails are available with varying degrees of difficulty. Explore the magnificent "Grand Canyon of the East" and all it has to offer. Trails are open from dawn to dusk. Maps available at the park office.

RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Routes 265 & 31
Lewiston NY, 14092
(716) 284-5778

www.nysparks.com

Relaxing environment with recreational facilities dawn – dusk, fee for parking.

SEAWAY TRAIL (NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY)

1-800-SEAWAYT
www.seawaytrail.com

The longest National Recreation Trail in the country. It runs for 454 miles from the Pennsylvania border north along Lake Erie, the Niagara River and Lake Ontario to Massena and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Historic sites, scenic overlooks and natural wonders can be found along its length.

WHIRLPOOL STATE PARK

Via Robert Moses Parkway
2 miles North of the falls
(716) 284-5778

www.nysparks.com

Stairway into the gorge. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking.

WILSON-TUSCARORA STATE PARK

Route 18
1 mile west of Wilson, NY 14172
(716) 751-6361

www.nysparks.com

Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking.

BIKING

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2 hour self guided tour of the best views of the American Falls area. M – F 5pm – 7pm, SA – SU 9am – 7pm

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2136 West Oakfield Road
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(716) 773-3271

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895 acres of marsh to explore. Classified as a park preserve. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking

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(585) 547-9481 (Winter)

www.nysparks.com

This State Park features 1,846 acres of hilly wooded terrain. Mountainous biking trails are available.

DEWITT RECREATION AREA

Cedar Street
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 344-1122

www.co.genesee.ny.us

Mountain biking paths are available throughout the park. Summer (May 1 - Sep 30) 9am – 9pm.

ERIE CANAL TOWPATH

(585) 234-7708

www.nycanal.com

Bike along the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor from North Tonawanda through Orleans County. Open dawn – dusk, free.

Whether you enjoy hunting as a recreational pastime, wildlife watching is a passion or it's a combination of both, Greater Niagara offers up a variety of small and big game opportunities throughout the year. From waterfowl to deer, turkey to rabbits, grouse and squirrel – there's a little something for everyone when it comes to the wilder side of Greater Niagara.

WATERFOWL The Greater Niagara Region is blessed with an abundance of water so it stands to reason that waterfowl is a huge attraction to both hunters and bird watchers. With two Great Lakes and the Niagara River, this water serves as a

magnet for both resident waterfowl as well as migrating flocks making their annual trek north or south.

WILDLIFE ABUNDANCE IN GREATER NIAGARA

One excellent spot to focus on is a 20,000-acre area known simply as the Alabama Swamps. The Swamps are three main public lands that adjoin one another to form a huge public outdoor playground. The 10,000-acre Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is bounded by the Tonawanda State Wildlife Management Area and the Oak Orchard State Wildlife Management Area – another 10,000 acres of prime outdoor real estate. While waterfowl is at the top of the list of hunting options, some other opportunities also exist for deer, turkey and other small game. There's also some great wildlife viewing areas, trails and photography blinds for the avid photographer. Getting back to the waterfowl, goose populations are out of control and can be found throughout the region. Mallards, scaup, goldeneye, long tail ducks, pintails, teal, canvasbacks, black ducks are just some of the winged wonders that can be found zipping around our waterways – which include lakes, rivers, creeks, swamps and ponds.

WHITETAIL DEER Hunters harvest over 200,000 deer in the state and the Greater Niagara Region numbers are usually around 20,000 animals. What's evident is that due to the rich soil and agricultural base of the region, trophy animals of large proportions can be found right here in Western New York. Some of the biggest antlers ever recorded in the state have been taken from these very fields and forests, making this region one of the primary destinations for record-book bucks.

TURKEY Gobble your way into Niagara's excellent turkey hunting options, offering spring and fall seasons for some of the best turkey hunting in the state and the country. The spring season, which extends the entire month of May, gives hunters the option of harvesting up to two bearded birds. In the fall, another turkey season exists that will allow you an entirely different kind of hunt. If you like turkey, you'll love Niagara!

BIRDING GALORE It would be totally appropriate to say that the Greater Niagara Region is for the birds! The area's birding anchor has to be the Niagara River, given the distinction as an internationally recognized Important Bird Area. In the center of birding activities is the Buffalo Audubon Society and their Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, a nature center that has operated for more than 50 years in North Java, Wyoming County. A second nature center is currently being built, a Niagara Audubon Bird of Prey Center in Lewiston, Niagara County. The center will focus on indigenous birds of prey as it relates to the area, keying in on eagles, hawks and owls.

Other nature preserves also exist in the area, including: North Tonawanda Audubon Nature Preserve, Niagara County; Ayer-Stevenson Audubon Nature Preserve, Town of Evans in Erie County; Beaver Meadow Audubon Center in North Java, Wyoming County. For more information on any of the Audubon sites, check out www.buffaloaudubon.com or call (585)457-3228.

For more information on wildlife, contact the individual counties or visit the state Department of Environmental Conservation website at www.dec.state.ny.us.



FORT NIAGARA STATE PARK

Fort Niagara State Historic Site
Robert Moses Parkway (route 18F)
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 745-7611
www.nysparks.com

Historic location with a variety of activities for all ages. SU – SA 9am – 9pm, year round. Seasonal admission, fee for parking

FOUR-MILE CREEK STATE PARK

Lake Road
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 745-3802
www.nysparks.com

Biking trails along densely-wooded bluffs and play areas. Open dawn – dusk, no admission, fee for parking.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Rd.
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us

Featuring 430 acres of forest and rolling hills with many clearly marked paths for biking. 17 miles of paths traverse through the park. Summer Hours (May 1 - Sept 30) 9am – 9am, Winter Hours (Oct. 1 - April 30) 9am- 5pm

GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK

9691 Lower Lake Road
Barker, NY 14012
(800) 456-3367
(716) 795-3885
www.nysparks.com

Open year-round, dawn – dusk, fee for parking

GRATWICK-RIVERSIDE PARK TRAIL

River Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 695-8520
Open dawn – dusk, free.

HYDE PARK

4343 Porter Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
(716) 297-2067
www.nysparks.com

Offers several miles of scenic biking within the park. Open year-round, fee for parking

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1101 Casey Road
Basom, NY 14013
(585) 948-5445
iroquoisnwr.fws.gov

New York State's largest wildlife refuge with 10,818 acres serving the habitat needs of many animals and migrating birds. Bicycles are permitted on public roads. Office hours: M-F 7:30am - 4pm, year round. SA - SU 9am - 5pm, spring and autumn. Refuge activity hours: Dusk - Dawn year round.

KRULL COUNTY PARK

6108 Lake Road
Olcott, NY 14126
(716) 778-7711
www.nfwhc.org

Free, daily Memorial Day – Labor Day; 7am - 8pm. Winter outdoor ice skating rinks, year round recreation. Beach open seasonally.



LETCWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600
www.letsworthpark.com

30 miles of various terrain. Biking is only permitted on the following trails: 2, 2A, 3, 5, 7, 8, 8A, 10, 13, 19 and 20. Available dawn to dusk. Stop by park office for maps.

NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

American Falls, Niagara Falls, NY
(716) 278-1770
www.niagarafallsstatepark.com
Take a self-tour or a guided tour of the American Falls. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking

RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Routes 265 & 31
Lewiston NY, 14092
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Relaxing environment with recreational facilities. Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking

ROBERT MOSES PARKWAY

2 miles North of the falls
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Stairway into the gorge
Open dawn – dusk, fee for parking

RIVER REGION BIKE TRAIL

476 Center Street
Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 754 – 9500
Paved trail throughout the village of Lewiston and along Lower River Road.
Get trail information at the Lewiston Visitor's Center. Open dawn – dusk, free.

RIVERVIEW TRAIL

Bike along the Robert Moses Parkway starting at the base of the North Grand Island Bridge following through to Niagara Falls State Park. Open dawn – dusk, free.

SEAWAY TRAIL (NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY)

1-800-SEAWAYT
www.seawaytrail.com
The longest National Recreation Trail in the country. It runs for 454 miles from the Pennsylvania border north along Lake Erie, the Niagara River and Lake Ontario to Massena and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Historic sites, scenic overlooks and natural wonders can be found along its length.

BIRDING

AMERICAN FALLS/ NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

Goat Island/Three-Sisters Island
Niagara Falls, NY
(716) 278-1770
www.niagarafallsstatepark.com
Several trails of wilderness programs. Open dawn - dusk.

BEAVER MEADOW AUDUBON CENTER

1610 Welch Road
North Java, NY 14113
(585) 457-3228
www.buffaloaudubon.org
Eight miles of trails. Explore various bird habitats including 40-acres wetland. Viewing blinds, spotting scopes and observations platforms throughout the preserve are designed with birders in mind. TU-SA 10am-5pm, SU 1-5pm. Closed Mondays and Holidays.

BERGEN SWAMP

6646 Hessenthaler Road
Byron, NY 14422
(585) 548-7304
www.bergenswamp.org
Host to many unique natural areas that are habitats for many rare plants and a number of rare and endangered species of animals. Visits to the swamp and or group tours must be prearranged by contacting the caretaker at the contact above.



BOND LAKE NATURE CENTER & PARK

2551 Lower Mountain Road
Ransomville, NY 14131
(716) 731-3256
www.nysparks.com
Exhibits plants, wildlife, and geological exhibits.
Nature Center open SU 12-4pm, and by
reservation. Park open 7 days, dawn - dusk.

BUCKHORN ISLAND STATE PARK

c/o Beaver Island State Park
2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-3271
Miles of bird habitat with marshes, woodlands
and boat launches

BUFFALO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Buffalo Museum of Science
1020 Humboldt Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14211
Dial-A-Bird Hot Line: (716) 896-1271
Call for field trips, rare bird sightings, reporting
and general information.

DeVEAUX WOODS STATE PARK

3180 DeVeaux Woods Drive
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Connects to Robert Moses trail and Whirlpool
State Park Open dawn - dusk.

DEVIL'S HOLE STATE PARK

Niagara Falls, NY
Robert Moses Parkway, 4 miles north of the Falls
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Stairway to the Gorge, beautiful scenic view of the
Niagara Gorge. Open dawn - dusk.

ERIE CANALWAY TRAIL

Walk or bicycle the stone dust towpath. In Albion
view 250 bluebirds nesting boxes along the canal.

FORT NIAGARA STATE PARK

Fort Niagara State Historic Site
Robert Moses Parkway (route 18F)
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 745-7611
www.nysparks.com
Historic location with a variety of activities for all
ages. 9am daily, year round. Seasonal admission.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Road
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
This is the oldest county forest in NYS with 430 acres
of forest and rolling hills, which is a nature home to
many species of birds. Features 4 acres of wetland,
perfect for bird habitats. Summer (May 1 - Sep 30)
9am - 9am, winter (Oct 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

GRATWICK-RIVERSIDE PARK

River Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 695-8520
Open dawn - dusk, free.

GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK

9691 Lower Lake Road
Barker, NY 14012
(716) 795-3885 / (800) 456-3367
www.nysparks.com
Historic lighthouse and museum, cross-country
ski trails, fishing marina and a boat launch area.
Open dawn - dusk.

GULF WILDERNESS PARK

Indian Falls, Royalton Ravine
Niagara Street and Michigan Street
Lockport, NY
www.lockport-ny.com
Open dawn - dusk.

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1101 Casey Road
Basom, NY 14013
(585) 948-5445
iroquoisnwr.fws.gov
New York State's largest wildlife refuge with 10,818
acres. Waterfowl migration peaks during the first two

weeks in Apr with approximately 60,000 - 80,000
birds. Office hours: M-F 7:30am - 4pm, year round.
SA - SU 9am - 5pm, spring and autumn. Refuge
activity hours: Dusk - Dawn year round.

JOSEPH DAVIS STATE PARK

Via Route 18F or Robert Moses Parkway
4 miles North of Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 754-4596 / (716) 754-7766
www.nysparks.com
Open dawn - dusk.

KRULL PARK

6108 Lake Road
Olcott, NY 14126
(716) 778-7711
www.nfwhc.org
Lake Ontario, seasonal. Open dawn - dusk.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600
www.letchworthpark.com
Since there is considerable variety of habitat in the park,
many different bird species find it a favorable place. More
than 160 species have been recorded nesting in the park
including 25 species of wood warblers.

NIAGARA POWER PROJECT'S POWER VISTA

5777 Lewiston Road
Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 286-6661 / (866) NYPA-FUN
www.nypa.gov
Average of 26 species sited, main species: The winter
gull. Located on the Niagara Gorge. 9am- 5 pm daily.

NORTH TONAWANDA AUDUBON NATURE PRESERVE

Doebler Drive
North Tonawanda, NY
(800) 377-1520
www.rin.buffalo.edu
Popular wetlands, 36 acres of birding locations.
Open dawn - dusk.

WHIRLPOOL STATE PARK

Via Robert Moses Parkway
2 miles North of the falls
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Open dawn - dusk.

WILSON-TUSCARORA STATE PARK

Route 18
1 mile west of Wilson, NY 14172
(716) 751-6361
www.nysparks.com
Disc golf, picnic tables, recreation programs,
bathhouse, cross-country skiing, and snow-
mobiling. Open dawn - dusk.

HORSEBACK RIDING

BUFFALO EQUESTRIAN CENTER, INC.

950 Amherst Street
Buffalo, NY 14216
(716) 877-9295



CARLTON HILL MULTIPLE USE AREA

Middlebury, NY
(716) 372-8678

Over 2500 acres of upland and wetland habitat with many scenic vistas. Over 110 species of birds have been spotted.

DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
www.nysparks.com
(585) 547-9242 (Summer)
(585) 547-9481 (Winter)

Features 1,846 acres of hilly wooded terrain. Perfect for hiking, biking or horseback riding. Open year round.

DRIFTING MEADOWS FARMS

2771 Daniels Rd
Wilson, NY 14172
(716) 751-6683

EBB TIDE STABLES

16787 Ridge Road
Holley, NY 14470
(585) 638-5042
www.ebbtidekennels.com

EQUISTAR THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

2199 Fuller Road
Burt, NY
(716) 778-8249

FORRESTEL FARM CAMP

4536 South Gravel Road
Medina, NY 14103
(585) 798-0941
Equestrian program teaching horsemanship, tennis lessons, mountain biking and more. Ages 7 to 15.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Rd.
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
Featuring 430 acres of forest and rolling hills with many clearly marked paths for horseback riding. 17 miles of paths traverse through the park. Summer Hours (May 1 - Sept 30) 9am – 9am, Winter Hours (Oct. 1 - April 30) 9am- 5pm.

THE HILL STABLES

3262 Lower Mountain Rd
Sanborn, NY 14132
(716) 731-3521

LEGACY HUNTERS BOARDING AND RIDING FACILITY

5940 Newhouse Rd
East Amherst, NY 14051
(716) 741-3244

LETCORTH STATE PARK WOLCOTT FARMS

11 Letcworth State Park
Castile, NY 14427
(585) 786-3504
www.wolcottfarms.com

Located at Trailside Lodge enjoy a peaceful view of Letcworth on the back of a well-trained horse. Letcworth's beautiful trails await you with an experienced guide that just might lead you into a herd of wild deer. Whether you are a novice, or an experienced rider, you are guaranteed a great ride. Call for times.

LONESOME PINE RIDING STABLES

692 Brant-Farnham Rd
Farnham, NY 14061
(716) 549-2189

SPARKS TRADING POST

2630 Bedell Road
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-0012

SPRUCE MEADOW FARM

10333 Keller Road
Clarence Center, NY 14031
(716) 741-2346
www.sprucemeadowfarm.com

WILD ROSE PONY CLUB

3507 Eagle Harbor Road
Albion, NY 14411
(585) 589-9181
Teaching youths age 5-21 proper riding skills, safety, horse and pony care.

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

BALLOONS OVER LETCORTH L.L.C.

6645 Denton Corners Road
Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3340
www.balloonsoverletcworth.com
Sunrise and sunset champagne balloon rides daily from the Middle Falls picnic area. 18 years experience flying over the "Grand Canyon of the East." Can accommodate groups up to 15. Open Apr - mid-Oct.

NATURE EXPERIENCES

CHARLES E. BURCHFIELD NATURE & ART CENTER

2001 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 677-4843
www.buffalo.com/burchfieldnatureandart
Nature paths, gardens, views of Buffalo Creek, music in the amphitheater, talks, educational tours, nature & art classes. Gallery, M-F 10am-4pm (weekends based on programming.) Trails, dusk til dawn daily. Open year round except holidays.

HAWK CREEK WILDLIFE CENTER INC

655 Luther Road
East Aurora, NY 14052
(716) 652-8646
www.hawkcreek.org
A not-for-profit organization dedicated to the specialized care, rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. Educational classes, demonstrations and shows. Call for hours.

PENN DIXIE PALEONTOLOGICAL & OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

4050 North Street
Blasdell, NY 14219
(716) 627-4560
www.penndixie.org
Fossil collecting, astronomy, birding and nature programs, with cross country skiing in winter, are featured at the 32 acre Penn Dixie site. May-Oct, SA 9am-12pm: collect fossils. Other activities may be scheduled by appointment. Closed holidays.

REINSTEIN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

77 Honorine Drive
Depew, NY 14043-4118
(716) 851-7201
www.dec.state.ny.us/website/reg9/reinstein
A 300-acre complex of forests, ponds and wetlands, featuring old-growth beech and maple trees. Special nature programs offered monthly, including birding, showshoeing and night walks. Group tours available by appointment. Open year round except holidays. Free admission.





SEAWAY TRAIL (NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY)

1-800-SEAWAYT

www.seawaytrail.com

The longest National Recreation Trail in the country. It runs for 454 miles from the Pennsylvania border north along Lake Erie, the Niagara River and Lake Ontario to Massena and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Historic sites, scenic overlooks and natural wonders can be found along its length.

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard

Buffalo, NY 14203

(716) 825-6397

www.buffalomuseumofscience.org

264-acre urban environmental education center just 3 miles from downtown Buffalo. Five miles of hiking trails, a self-guided nature and fitness trail, a 75-acre freshwater cattail marsh and man-made lakes which attract wildlife throughout the year. Open year round except holidays. Nature trails open dawn to dusk. Makowski Visitor Center hours: W - SA 9am-4pm (May - Oct). TH - SA 10am - 4pm (Nov - Apr). Admission is free (with the exception of special programs.) Donations accepted.

CAMPING

DAISY BARN CAMPGROUNDS

3101 West Lake Road

Wilson, NY 14172

(716) 751-9375

www.daisybarn.com

35 sites.

DARIEN LAKES STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road

Darien Center, NY 14040

(585) 547-9242 / (800) 456-CAMP

www.nysparks.com

141 camp sites (45 electric sites), showers, flush toilets, and recreation area. Open year-round.

FOUR MILE CREEK STATE CAMPGROUND

1 Four Mile Creek

Youngstown, NY 14174

(716) 745-3802 / (800) 456-2267

www.reserveamerica.com

120 sites.

GODFREY'S POND

Griswold Road

Stafford, NY 14143

(585) 343-8390

60 camp sites (50 electric sites), flush toilets and showers, swimming, fishing, recreation area and camp store. Open May - Oct.

GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK

9691 Lower Lake Road

Barker, NY 14012

(716) 795-3885 / (800) 456-3367

www.nysparks.com

60-site campground.

GREEN HARBOR CAMPGROUND & MARINA

12813 Lakeshore Road

Lyndonville, NY 14098

(585) 682-9780

www.members.aol.com/ghcampmar2

WYOMING COUNTY TPA

HARBOR RESORT CAMPGROUNDS

5764 Lake Road, P.O. Box 307
Olcott, NY 14126
(716) 778-5190 / (877) 223-5148
75-site campground.

LAKESIDE BEACH STATE PARK

State Rt. 18
Waterport, NY 14571
1-800-456-CAMP / (585) 682-4888

LEI-TI CAMPGROUND, SALES & RV SERVICE

9979 Francis Road
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 343-8600 / (800) 445-3484
www.leiti.com

250 camp sites (230 electric sites), cabin and trailer rentals, RV sales and service, internet access, flush toilets and showers, swimming, fishing, recreation area, camp store and propane station. Open year-round.

LEI-TI TOO! CAMPGROUND & RECREATION AREA

8101 Conlon Road
LeRoy, NY 14482
(585) 768-4883 / (800) 445-3484
www.leiti.com

116 camp sites (100 electric sites), trailer rentals, internet access, flush toilets and showers, recreation area, camp store and propane station. Open year-round.

NIAGARA COUNTY CAMPING RESORT

7369 Wheeler Road
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 990-5576 / (716) 434-3991
www.nfwhc.org
240-sites. 2 cabins

Family campground and RV park, comfortable and clean home away from home where you can vacation and explore. RV's welcome.

NIAGARA FALLS CAMPGROUND & LODGING

2405 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 731-3434
www.nfcampground.com
60 campsites, 10 rooms.

NIAGARA FALLS NORTH KOA

1250 Pletcher Rd.
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 754-8013 / (800) 562-8715
www.niagarafallsnorthkoa.com
Open Apr – Oct 8am – 6pm
86-sites. 6 cabins

NIAGARA HARTLAND CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARK

2383 Hartland Rd
Gasport, NY 14067
(716) 795-3812 / (800) 571-4829
www.reserveamerica.com
100 sites.



NIAGARA'S LAZY LAKES CAMPING RESORT

4312 Church Road
Cambria, New York 14094
(716) 433-2479
www.whresorts.com
50 full sites/130 partial. Electric, maximum RV length: 40 feet.

NIAGARA RAINBOW RV CAMPGROUND RESORT

7894 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 283-9008 / (716) 283-1760
www.niagara-usa.com
31 sites.

NIAGARA WOODLAND CAMPGROUND

3435 New Road
Ransomville, NY 14131
(716) 791-3101
www.gocampingamerica.com
40 sites.

NORTH OF THE RIDGE CAMPGROUND

1546 East Kent Road
Kent, NY 14477
(585) 682-4376

REDBREEZE CAMPSITE

13645 Waterport-Carlton Road
Waterport, NY 14571
(585) 682-3156
www.redbreeze.com

RIVERVIEW CAMPGROUND AND MARINA

13987 Park Avenue
Waterport, NY 14571
(585) 682-4213

ROYAL MOTEL & CAMPGROUND

3333 Niagara Falls Blvd.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-5695
www.niagara-usa.com
33 sites, 13 rooms.

SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE RESORT

9993 Allegany Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 599-2211
www.sixflags.com/darienlake
1,100 camp sites (1,100 electric sites), trailer rentals, flush toilets and showers, recreation area and camp store. Open May - Oct.

SKYLINE CAMPING RESORT

10933 Townline Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 591-2021 / (800) 724-3619
www.skylinervresort.com
325 camp sites (325 electric sites), RV sales and service, flush toilets and showers, swimming, fishing, recreation area, camp store and propane station. Open May - Oct.

SOUTHWOODS RV RESORT

6749 Townline Road
Byron, NY 14422
(585) 548-9002
www.southwoodsrvresort.com
144 camp sites (144 electric sites), flush toilets and showers, swimming, fishing, recreation area, camp store and propane station. Open May - Oct.

TIMBERLINE LAKE PARK

8150 Vallance Road
LeRoy, NY 14482
(585) 768-6635
www.timberlinecamping.com
130 camp sites (130 electric sites), cabin and trailer rentals, internet access, flush toilets and showers, swimming, fishing, recreation area, camp store and propane station. Open May - Oct.

WILDWOOD LAKE CAMPGROUNDS

2711 County Line Road, Rt. 269
Medina, NY 14103
(585) 735-3310

WINTER SPORTS



*Hit the slopes,
trails and hills of
Greater Niagara for
incredible winter fun!*

Downhill skiing is just one way to make the
most of a Western New York winter.

WINTER SPORTS IN GREATER NIAGARA.



The freshly fallen snow, resting gently on the hills, valleys, meadows and trails of the Greater Niagara Region, beckons sports enthusiasts who know that one of the best things about this region is its four distinct and delightful seasons.

Welcome to winter where the season itself is cause for daily celebration!

If you've never spent a silent morning gazing upon endless acres of newly fallen snow turned into a sea of diamonds by the brilliant glare of a winter sun, you may not know exactly what's in store for your next visit. Just as a new canvas awaits the creative touch, miles of unblemished, snow-covered playgrounds await your choice of outdoor activity in the Greater Niagara Region.

What's your pleasure? Head for the hills!

Downhill skiing's at its best in the Boston Hills of Southern Erie County. *Kissing Bridge* offers 255 acres of beautifully groomed hills with 8 lifts, 36 trails, 3 restaurants, snowmaking and night skiing, too.

Right next door to Kissing Bridge is the *Colden Tubing Company*. All you need for a day or evening of fun is some warm clothes and an adventurous spirit. Hang on and take off on the ride of your life. You'll find more tubing fun out on the hills of Genesee County at the *Polarwave Snowtubing Park* or in the Grand Canyon of the East – *Letchworth State Park!*

Want a little more action? Why not hit the trails on a snowmobile? Genesee County invites you to explore *Darien Lake State Park* and the Genesee County Park & Forest where hundreds of acres have designated trails traversing the parks for your snowmobiling pleasure. A network of trails also exists throughout the region.

Sound a little too exciting for you? How about taking it down a notch and spending a serene weekend cross-country skiing or snowshoeing in dozens of stunning spots dotting the Greater Niagara Region. Too numerous to mention them all, you have your choice of a public city space such as Frederick Law Olmsted's *Delaware Park* in Erie County; *Byrncliff Resort & Conference Center* that offers night skiing in Wyoming County; *Golden Hill State Park* situated right on Lake Ontario in Orleans County; the *Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge* in Genesee County; or *Bond Lake County Park* on the lake in Niagara County.

It's always nice to have your own cross-country or snowshoeing equipment, but rentals are a great idea for a sport you're new to or trying out for the very first time. Call your local sporting goods shops for rates and availability or call ahead to the area you plan to visit. Ice fishing on *Silver Lake* is a "hot" cold spot with a national tournament held there.

These are just a few of the many outdoor activities that welcome you to the Greater Niagara Region during the winter months. A note of caution: The season is short and rooms fill up quickly. It's best to make your plans early, so you're not disappointed.

We have everything you need to make your winter weekend dreams come true. Book a room and start making plans for days of exhilarating fun in the snow, followed by relaxing evenings enjoying a delicious meal at one of our many fine restaurants.

By the end of your visit, you'll know how and why we enjoy all four seasons in the Greater Niagara Region.



ANDY OLENICK



SKIING

ARCHIE'S SPORTS SHOP

1771 Route 78
Java Center, NY 14082
(585) 457-9505

Cross-country ski sales and equipment, waxing and repairs. Open Nov 15 - Mar 15 M and W 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, SA 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

ARTPARK STATE PARK

450 South Fourth Street
Lewiston NY, 14092
(716) 754-4375 / (716) 754-9000
www.artpark.net

Cross country skiing. Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

BEAVER MEADOW AUDUBON CENTER

1610 Welch Road
North Java, NY 14113
(585) 457-3228
www.buffaloaudubon.org

Eight miles of trails through varied terrain. Trails open 24 hours a day. Guided tours and snowshoes are available for rent. Cross-country skiing, nature walks and hiking. No snowmobiling. TU-SA 10am-5pm, SU 1-5pm. Closed Mondays and holidays.

BUCKHORN ISLAND STATE PARK

c/o Beaver Island State Park
2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-3271
www.nysparks.com

895 acres of marsh, snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling. Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

BYRNCLIFF RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Rt. 20A, Varysburg, NY 14167
(585) 535-7300
www.byrncliff.com

400 acres of cross-country ski trails with the most extensive lighted night cross-country skiing in New York State. On site ski rentals, lodging, food and beverage service. TU-TH 9 am-10 pm, F-SU 9 am-11 pm.

CHESTNUT RIDGE

6121 Chestnut Ridge Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
(716) 662-3290
Downhill & cross country skiing.

DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 547-9481
www.nysparks.com
In winter, 16 miles of un-groomed trails are open to cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and hiking. Open year round.

DELAWARE PARK

Off Route 198 between Parkside
and Elmwood Avenues
Buffalo, NY 14216
(716) 884-9666
Cross-country skiing.

DEWITT RECREATION AREA

Cedar Street
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
Features a 63 acre park with a 38 acre lake. Cross country skiing available along trails. Winter (Oct 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

DEVIL'S HOLE STATE PARK

Niagara Falls, NY
Robert Moses Parkway, 4 miles North of the Falls
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Stairway to the Gorge, beautiful scenic view of the Niagara Gorge, Cross country skiing. Open dawn-dusk, seasonal.

EMERY PARK

2084 Emery Road
South Wales, NY 14139
(716) 652-1380
Slopes: 1 learner hill

ERIE CANAL TOWPATH

(585) 234-7708
www.nycanal.com
Cross-country skiing along the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Open dawn – dusk, free.

FORT NIAGARA STATE PARK

Fort Niagara State Historic Site
Robert Moses Parkway (route 18F)
Youngstown, NY 14174
(716) 745-7611
www.nysparks.com
Snowshoeing trails, cross country skiing, and sledding. Open 9am daily, year round. Seasonal admission.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Road
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
Featuring 430 acres of forest and rolling hills with many clearly marked paths for cross-country skiing. Also has one of New York's only 'Braille Trails' for the vision impaired. Winter (Oct. 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK

9691 Lower Lake Road
Barker, NY 14012
(716) 795-3885 / (800) 456-3367
www.nysparks.com
Snow shoe and cross-country ski trails. Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

JOSEPH DAVIS STATE PARK

Via Route 18F or Robert Moses Parkway
4 miles North of Lewiston, NY 14092
www.nysparks.com
Cross country skiing, snow shoeing trails, and snowmobiling. Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

KISSING BRIDGE

Route 240
Glenwood, NY 14069-0073
(716) 592-4963
www.kissing-bridge.com
Dec-Apr (depending on snow conditions): M-SA 9am-10:30pm; SU 9am-8pm. Open holidays. Downhill & cross country skiing. 36 slopes and trails.

KRULL PARK

6108 Lake Road
Olcott, NY 14126
(716) 778-7711
www.nfwhc.org
Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600
www.leitchworthpark.com
With 14 miles of ski trails available Letchworth offers winter exploration at its best. Trails are marked and offer beginners and experts levels to fit their comfort. Trails are open from dawn to dusk. Call the park office for information and maps.



ANGEL ART

NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

American Falls
Niagara Falls, NY
(716) 278-1770
www.niagarafallsstatepark.com
Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

RESERVOIR STATE PARK

Routes 265 & 31
Lewiston NY, 14092
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

SPRAGUE BROOK COUNTY PARK

9674 Foote Road
Glenwood, NY 14069
(716) 592-2804
Cross-country skiing.

WHIRLPOOL STATE PARK

Via Robert Moses Parkway
2 miles North of the falls
(716) 284-5778
www.nysparks.com
Cross country skiing. Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

WILSON-TUSCARORA STATE PARK

Route 18
1 mile west of Wilson, NY 14172
(716) 751-6361
www.nysparks.com
Snowshoeing trails, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. Open dawn – dusk, seasonal.

SNOWMOBILING

DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

10289 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 547-9481
www.nysparks.com
In winter, multiple-use trails are open for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and hiking. Open year round.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Road
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
430 acres of forest and rolling hills. Designated snowmobile paths traverse through the park. Trailhead parking area with trails connecting both Genesee & Wyoming trail systems. Winter (Oct. 1 - Apr 30) 9am- 5pm.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600
www.letchworthpark.com
Snowmobiling is available in the park on designated trails only. A permit is required if you intend to ride after dark and is available at the park office. Call our snowmobile hotline at (585) 493-3600 ext. 668 for conditions.

SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

*Looking for a place to ride in Greater Niagara?
Contact one of these clubs for open trails,
snow conditions, events and more!*

BOSTON SNOWMOBILE CLUB OF WNY

(716) 941-6076
www.bostontrails.com

COLDEN TRAIL RIDERS

www2.pcom.net/ecfsc/colden.htm
(716) 537-9578

EAGLE RIDERS

(716)833-0791

EDEN TRAIL BLAZERS

www2.pcom.net/ecfsc/eden/eden.htm
(716) 992-4097

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

www2.pcom.net/ecfsc/
(716) 655-1593

FOLSOM TRAILBLAZERS

(585)786-5866

GENESEE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

www.gencosnowmobileassoc.com
(585) 344-2508

GRAND ISLAND SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.

(716) 310-9517
www.gi-snowmobiler.com

HAMBURG SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.

(716) 648-6759
www.hamburgsnowmobileclub.org

HOLLAND SNORASCALS

www.snorascals.cjb.net

MARILLA SNO-MOB S/C INC.

(716) 652-5625
www.marilla-snomob-sc.com/

NORTHERN ERIE SNO SEEKERS INC.

(716) 741-NESS (6377)
www.snoseekers.com

OATKA VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

(585)786-8565
www.oatkavalley.org

ORLEANS COUNTY SNOWDRIFTERS

(585) 682-4724
www.orleanscountysnowdrifters.com

ORLEANS COUNTY FEDERATION OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

www.ocfsc.net

PENDLETON SNOWMOBILE CLUB

(716) 308-8172

PIONEER SNO SURFERS/SARDINIA SNOWMOBILE CLUB

(716) 537-3738
www2.pcom.net/ecfsc/pioneer.htm

SHAWNEE SNO-CHIEFS

(716) 625-8744

SOUTHERN ORLEANS TRAILBLAZERS

www.souther-orleans-trailblazers.com

SOUTHERN TIER SNO-DRIFTERS

(716) 337-0732
www.snodrifters.com

TRI-COUNTY DRIFTHOPPERS

(585)492-1785

WYOMING COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FEDERATION

(585)322-9009

Listings courtesy New York State Snowmobile Association, www.nyssnowassoc.org

SNOWTUBING & TOBOGGANING

COLDEN TUBING COMPANY, LLC

Route 240, adjacent to Kissing Bridge North
10296 State Road
Glenwood, NY 14069
(716) 592-4963
www.kissing-bridge.com
Dec-Mar, TU-F 5-9pm, SA 11am-9pm, SU 11am-8pm. Call for holiday hours and additional information. 13 tubing runs.

GENESEE COUNTY PARK & FOREST

11095 Bethany Center Rd.
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585)344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
Featuring 430 acres of forest and rolling hills with 2 large tobogganing hills.
Oct. 1 - April 30 9am- 5pm.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Castile, NY 14427
(585) 493-3600
www.letchworthpark.com
Tubing is available at Trailside Lodge. Only inflatable type sleds or tubes are allowed. Tubes are available free of charge when the hill is open.

POLARWAVE SNOWTUBING PARK

3500 Harloff Road
Batavia, NY 14021
(585)345-1630
(888) 727-2794
www.polarwavesnowtubing.com
There are many runs for adults and kids, up to a 700' long ride. A tow cable will bring you back to the top of the hill for added fun.
Open weekends, seasonally based on winter weather conditions. Reservations accepted.

WATER SPORTS

A young man in a blue tank top is lying on his stomach on the wooden deck of a sailboat. He is looking towards the camera with a relaxed expression. The sailboat is on a body of water, and in the background, a marina filled with many other sailboats is visible under a clear sky.

*Take to the lakes,
rivers and streams
of Greater Niagara
and you'll be sure to
come back for more.*

BOATING IN GREATER NIAGARA.



Set sail, paddle or power upon the sparkling waters of the Greater Niagara Region and you'll never want to leave. You're certain to be amazed by the variety of water sport options.

Launch a boat from *Koziels*, *Mack's Boat Liv-ery*, *Silver Lake Marine*, or *Silver Lake State Park* on the gem known as Silver Lake in Wyoming County. And right down the road in *Letchworth State Park* – the “Grand Canyon of the East” – take the ride of your life whitewater rafting on the *Genesee River*, which is also known for great kayaking.

Genesee County is popular for more than *Six Flags Darien Lake* amusement park. Create your own thrilling ride on the *DeWitt Recreation Area's* 38-acre lake in Batavia. Or, rent a canoe and explore *Godfrey's Pond* in Byron. Perhaps you'd rather take a rowboat out at the *Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge* to enjoy the ride and the many animals and migrating birds.

If sailing is your is your passion, be sure to visit the Lake Ontario shoreline in Orleans County. Its sheltered harbor provides the perfect setting for a moonlit cruise from *Orleans County Marine Park*. And *Island Jack's Adventures* is ready to take you on a scuba dive to explore the depths of *Lake Ontario* and *Oak Orchard River*.

Niagara County has more than the Falls to entice you to love the water. Take a *Whirlpool Jet Tour* of the Niagara Gorge. This whitewater ride on the Niagara River is one you'll remember for a lifetime! Set your canoe upon the waters of *Bond Lake Park and Nature Center*. Nearby, *Fort Niagara State Park*, *Golden Hill State Park Campgrounds*, or the *Wilson-Tuscarora State Park* offer boat launching facilities. Or dock your boat at *Gateway Park* in North Tonawanda and take in one of the many events, festivals and concerts scheduled throughout the warm weather season.

You'll find a bit of everything in Erie County. Enjoy a romantic sunset sail on *Lake Erie*. Kayak along the *Buffalo River* between the Ohio Street and Michigan Street Bridges in the City of Buffalo. Set your canoe down on tranquil *Harwood Lake* in the Hamlet of Farmersville Station.

Pull out all the stops along the upper *Niagara River*, where a parade of powerful boats create quite a spectacle on a summer afternoon.

And if you'd rather ride than captain your craft, the *Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises* will provide a unique two-hour narrated cruise on the Old Erie Canal. You'll pass sites where history was created and see the Canal's five “original” locks.

Come on. Test the waters of the Greater Niagara Region. You'll love it!





BOATING/MARINAS/ KAYAKING/CANOEING

ADVENTURE CALLS

33 Swan Street
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 343-4710 / (888) 270-2410
www.adventure-calls.com
Raft trips on the Genesee River within Letchworth State Park and Cattaraugus Creek, Gowanda, NY. The perfect trips for novice paddlers and families alike. Other outdoor adventures also available. Call for information and times. mid-Mar - early Nov.

AMHERST MARINE CENTER

1900 Campbell Boulevard
West Amherst, NY 14228
(716) 691-6707
Open mid-May to mid-Oct.

BIG SIX MILE CREEK MARINA

Whitehaven Road (West)
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-3270
Open May 15-Nov 1.

CAPTAIN'S COVE RESORT

14339 Rt. 18
Waterport, NY 14571
(585) 682-3316
www.fishcaptainscove.com

DEWITT RECREATION AREA

Cedar Street
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 344-1122
www.co.genesee.ny.us
Features a 63 acre park with a 38 acre lake. Boats of 14' in length may be used powered by oars, paddles and electric motors. Summer (May 1 - Sep 30) 9am - 9pm, winter (Oct 1 - Apr 30) 9am - 5pm

EAGLE CREEK MARINA

1033 Lakeland Beach Road
Kendall, NY 14476
(585) 659-8603
www.eaglecreekmarina.com

ERIE BASIN MARINA

329 Erie Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 851-6503
Open May 1-Oct 15.

ERIE CANAL BOAT RENTAL

Amherst Marine Center
1900 Campbell Boulevard
Amherst, NY 14228
(716) 691-6707
www.eriecanal.com
We teach you to captain in about an hour. Capacity 8, sleeps 4. Enjoy canal locks, towns and scenery on the historic waterway. mid-May-mid-Oct.

ERIE CANAL PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCHES

State Rt. 31E, two miles west of Medina on south side of canal
Bates Road, Medina on the north side of the canal

FOUR C'S MARINA

Point Breeze Road
Kent, NY 14477
(585) 682-4224
www.4csmarina-lodging.com

GLENWOOD LAKE BOAT LAUNCH

Rt. 63 north of Medina
1-800-724-0314
Public boat launch, picnic area, fishing access, canoeing, tourist information.

GODFREY'S POND

Griswold Road
Byron, NY 14021
(585) 343-8390
Boating and canoeing are available for leisure or fishing. Open year round. This facility is open to members only.

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1101 Casey Road
Basom, NY 14013
(585) 948-5445
iroquoisnwr.fws.gov
New York State's largest wildlife refuge with 10,818 acres serving the habitat needs of many animals and migrating birds. Only canoes and rowboats are permitted. Office hours: M-F 7:30am - 4pm, year round. SA - SU 9am - 5pm, spring and autumn. Refuge activity hours: Dusk - Dawn year round.

KOZIELS

West Lake Road
Perry, NY 14530
(585) 237-5053
Boat launch on Silver Lake.

LAKE ALICE BOAT LAUNCH

Oak Orchard River Road
Waterport, NY 14571
(800) 724-0314
Free public boat launch, tourist information, water skiing, fishing, canoeing.

LAKE BREEZE MARINA

990 Point Breeze Road
Kent, NY 14477
(585) 682-3995

LAKESIDE MARINE

3700 Walker Road
Silver Lake, NY 14579
(585) 237-5400
Gas, bait, tackle, nautical supplies, boat rentals & service.

MACK'S BOAT LIVERY

Lake Shore Drive
Castile, NY 14427
(585) 237-5983
Boat launch on Silver Lake.

NFTA BOAT HARBOR

1111 Fuhrmann Boulevard
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 828-0027
Open May 15-Oct 15

NIAWANDA PARK

Route 266, River Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150
(716) 695-1800
Open year-round

OAK ORCHARD CANOE EXPERTS

2133 Eagle Harbor Road
Waterport, NY 14571
(585) 682-4849
www.oakorchardcanoe.com
Canoe, kayak and gear rentals and sales. Shuttle to Oak Orchard River. Open 6 days a week, closed TU. Sea kayak symposium.

OAK ORCHARD HARBOR

Point Breeze at the mouth of the Oak
Orchard River
(800) 724-0314

Full service port featuring a professional charter
fleet, sailing clubs, parks, marine sales and repairs,
gas, pump out stations, lodging and restaurants.
Navigation Aids
Breakwall Light B(fl W 6s)
30 ft. height, 9 mi. visibility
U.S. Light List No. 2365
43° 22.5' N 78° 11.36' W

OAK ORCHARD MARINE PARK (WEST)

Archbald Road off Rt. 18
(585) 682-4888

State operated, 4-bay public boat launch, picnic
area, comfort station. A day-use fee is charged.
Apr-Oct.

ORLEANS COUNTY MARINE PARK

Point Breeze Road

Town of Carlton

(585) 682-3641

www.orleansny.com/tourism

71 boat slips with electric and water service,
picnic pavilions with grills, fishing dock, showers
and restrooms, scenic overlook, and summer
events. Apr 15 to Nov 1.

POINT BREEZE MARINA

9456 Lakeshore Road

Angola, NY 14006

(716) 549-3768

Open May 15-Oct 15.

SEVEN SEAS SAILING CENTER

284 Furhmann Boulevard

@ RCR Yachts Skyway Marina

Buffalo, NY 14203

(716) 824-1505

www.sevenseassailing.com

Sail boat rentals, as well as lessons. Seven Seas
also provides sunset charters and cityscape lake
excursions. May-Sep 30.

SILVER LAKE MARINE

4213 West Lake Road

Silver Springs, NY 14550

(585) 237-5185

www.silverlakemarine.com

Party boat rental and boat launch on Silver Lake.

SILVER LAKE STATE PARK

West Lake Road

Silver Springs, NY 14550

(585) 493-3600

Boat launch.

SOUTH END MARINA

1515 Fuhrmann Boulevard

Buffalo, NY 14203

(716) 825-0333

May 1-Oct 15.

STURGEON POINT MARINA

618 Sturgeon Point

Derby, NY 14047

(716) 947-4452

May 1-Oct 15.

TOWN OF TONAWANDA BOAT LAUNCH

Sheridan Drive & River Road

(Foot of Sheridan Drive)

Tonawanda, NY 14150

(716) 831-1001

Open May-Sep.

WILEY'S RIVERSIDE MARINA

1180 Pt. Breeze Road

Kent, NY 14411

(585) 682-4552

www.wileysmarina.com

ERIE CANAL PORT COMMUNITIES

VILLAGE OF ALBION

35-37 E. Bank Street

Albion, NY 14411

(585) 589-7727

Canalside Park boat docking facilities and a
landscaped park in the historic downtown.

VILLAGE OF HOLLEY

72 Public Square

Holley, NY 14470

(585) 638-6367

Boardwalk, gazebo, and nature trails to the village
square. Docking facilities include electric service
and comfort station with showers.

VILLAGE OF MEDINA

119 Park Avenue

Medina, NY 14411

(585) 798-0710

Erie Basin Marine Park on the wide turning area of
the canal. Finger docks, electric service, showers.

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

24 Main St.

Middleport, NY 14105

(716) 735-3303

www.teapothollow.com

Quaint Canal village that offers docking facilities for up
to 50 boats, including electrical hookups, showers and
bathrooms. Several nice parks, picnic areas, shopping and
restaurants exist within the village confines. Mr. Ed's has
the best chicken wings; The Basket Factory is fine dining.

HAMLET OF GASPORT

Town of Royalton

(716) 772-2431

www.townofroyalton.org

New Gasport Lions Club park dedicated at the
Hartland Road Bridge in 2005. Picnic area, stores
in vicinity for food and antiques. Gasport Marina
is located nearby.



ANGEL ART

CITY OF LOCKPORT

Municipal Building

One Locks Plaza

Lockport, NY 14094

(716) 439-6665

www.elockport.com

History-rich city that blossomed as a result of the
canal. Site of the Erie Canal Museum at Locks 34 and
35. Home to the Lockport Locks and Canal Tours, the
historic Palace Theatre and numerous shopping areas
and restaurants. In the process of restoring the famous
Flight of Five lock system. Parks along the canal
include the Widewaters Marina and Canalside Park.

CITIES OF NORTH TONAWANDA AND TONAWANDA

www.northtonawanda.org

These two cities combine to form the gateway to the Erie
Canal off the Upper Niagara River. Gateway Harbor is
located between Webster and Main Street on the north
side of the Canal. Shopping areas on both sides. Other
important points of interest include the Riviera Theater
and Herschell Carrousel Museum, to name but a few.

GOLFING



*Tee it up
and play
a round.
Greater
Niagara
has a course
for you!*

Great greens and blue skies await your tee shot, too.

GOLFING IN GREATER NIAGARA.



Fore! Heads up for a region full of golf courses as unexpected as the Greater Niagara Region itself. You'll want to play a round (or two) during your stay in Upstate New York's beautiful five county region. Here are a few suggestions to whet your appetite.

Start at the well-manicured *Willowbrook Golf Course* in Niagara County where you can change up your game by selecting to play any of their three nine-hole courses.

Oak Run Golf Club is right across the street.

Pick from another 27 holes at *Hyde Park Golf Course* on Porter Road right in the city of Niagara Falls. Lockport offers the wide-open *Niagara County Golf Course* on Davison Road. Then head on out to Middleport and hit the links at *Niagara-Orleans Country Club* on Telegraph Road.

With more than two dozen public courses, Erie County is sure to have one that suits your taste and ability. One of the top public courses has to be *Glen Oak* on Smith Road in Amherst. Nestled in a rural countryside, it's both challenging and scenic. *Dande Farms Golf Course* in Akron features a hilly terrain, wide fairways, fast greens and five water hazards. Nearby, is *Bright Meadows Golf Course* sporting a regulation nine-hole course as well as a par three for beginners. The Town of Tonawanda offers two public courses, with Sheridan providing a challenging game for even the most experienced player. Right in the middle of the City of Buffalo and next to the Buffalo Zoo – in Frederick Law Olmsted's Delaware Park – sits an 18-hole, par 68, 5,359-yard course known as *Delaware Park Golf Course*.

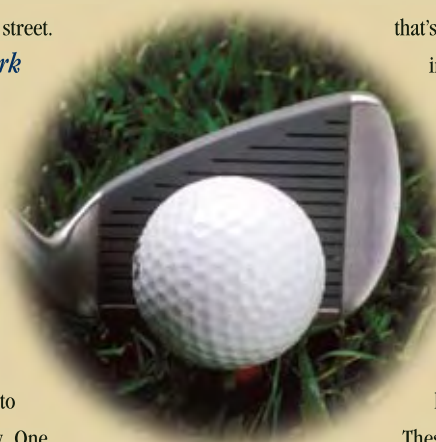
If nice scenery is important to your game, try *Harbour Pointe Golf Course* in Waterport. The Orleans County course is situated along the beautiful Oak Orchard River. *Terry Hills Golf Course*, in Genesee County's Batavia, opens the 2005 season with a brand new clubhouse. Rated in the top five public courses in Western New York by Golf Digest, the course has three par 36 nine-hole courses. Also in Genesee County is *Chestnut Hill Country Club*, a semi-private course that's consistently rated in the top among courses in the area and distinguished for its "Best Greens in WNY."

Last, but certainly not least, you'll want to take a drive out to Wyoming County where you'll find the *Byrnclyff Resort & Conference Center*. This course in Varysburg is nestled in a hilly terrain and offers on-site accommodations. Or, for an executive par three experience, head to *Archie's Golf Club* in Java Center.

These are just some of many challenging and picturesque courses dotting the area, but it's a place to start on your golfing journey around the Greater Niagara Region.

One final note is for those that enjoy watching the best of the best. The *Porter Cup Golf Tournament*, one of the top amateur events in the country, is held the end of July each year at the beautiful *Niagara Falls Country Club* overlooking the lower Niagara River and the Village of Lewiston. It's a perfect opportunity to meet some of the future greats in their rise to professional stardom.

Come visit Greater Niagara and get in the swing of things!



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ALABAMA TEE OFF

6655 Allegany Road
Basom, NY 14013
(585) 948-5150
Driving range, snack stand and bar.

AMHERST AUDUBON

500 Maple Road
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 631-7139
Clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons and concession. 18 holes, par 70

ARCHIE'S GOLF CLUB

1771 Route 78
Java Center, NY 14082
(585) 457-9505
Par 3, 11 holes, new and used club balls, club repairs and regripping. Open Apr 15 - Oct 15, 7am - 7 pm

BATAVIA COUNTRY CLUB

7909 Batavia-Byron Road
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 343-7600
www.bataviacc.com
Features a "links" type layout that golfers of any skill level will enjoy. 18 holes, par 72.

BEAVER ISLAND STATE PARK GOLF COURSE

2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072
(716) 773-3271
Driving range, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 74

BETHANY HILLS

11191 Molasses Hill Road
East Bethany, NY 14054
(585) 591-2763
Scenic rolling hills in a country setting. 18-holes, par 69.

BOB-O-LINK GOLF CLUB

4085 Transit Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
(716) 662-4311
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, lessons, concession. 18 holes, par 54

BRIGHT MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

12287 Clarence Center Road
Akron, NY 14001
(716) 542-2441
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, golf carts, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 63

BRIGHTON PARK GOLF COURSE

70 Brompton Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150
(716) 695-2580
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, golf carts, concession. 18 holes, par 72

BYRNCLIFF RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Rt. 20A
Varysburg, NY 14167
(585) 535-7300
www.byrncliff.com
18 holes, par 72. Excellent layout in the hills of Wyoming County. Food and beverage service available for large group outings. Open 6am to dusk.

CAZENOVIA GOLF COURSE

Foot of Wildwood
Buffalo, NY 14210
(716) 825-9811
Clubhouse, putting green, lessons, concession, lounge. 9 holes, par 35

CHESTNUT HILL COUNTRY CLUB

1330 Broadway Road (Rt. 20)
Darien Center, NY 14040
(585) 547-9699
www.chestnuthillcc.com
Semi-private golf course which is consistently rated among the top in the area, and is distinguished for its "Best Greens in WNY." 18 holes, par 72.

CONCORD CREST GOLF COURSE

9255 Genesee Road
East Concord, NY
(716) 592-7636
Club rental, cart rental, pull cart rental, lessons, limited pro shop, full service snack bar, beer and more. 18 holes, par 72

DANDE FARMS COUNTRY CLUB

Carney Road
Akron, NY 14001
(716) 542-2027
Clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 71

DAVIS COUNTRYSIDE MEADOWS

11070 Perry Road
Pavilion, NY 14
(585) 584-8390
www.dcmeadows.com
Offers very scenic views as well as a challenging layout. 18-holes, Par 72.

DEERWOOD GOLF COURSE

1818 Sweeney Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 695-8525
Public 18 hole golf course. Open seasonally, dawn - dusk.

DELAWARE GOLF COURSE

Delaware Park
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 835-2533
Putting green. 18 holes, par 65

EAGLE CREST GOLF COURSE

6730 S. Transit Road
Pendleton, NY 14094
Driving range, lessons, pro shop
Open seasonally, dawn - dusk.

EDEN VALLEY GOLF COURSE

10401 Sisson Highway
Eden, NY 14057
(716) 337-2190
Clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, concession lounge. 18 holes, par 73

ELMA MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

1711 Girdle Road
Elma, NY 14059
(716) 652-5475
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 72

EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE

170 Tonawanda Creek Road
Amherst, NY 14228
(716) 688-6204
Clubhouse, putting green, golf carts. 9 holes, par 35

GLEN OAK GOLF COURSE

711 Smith Road
E. Amherst, NY 14051
(716) 688-5454
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 72

GRANDVIEW GOLF COURSE

444 Central Avenue
Angola, NY 14006
(716) 549-4930
Clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, concession. 9 holes, par 33

GROVER CLEVELAND GOLF COURSE

3781 Main Street
Amherst, NY 14226
(716) 836-7398
Clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 54



TOWN OF HAMBURG GOLF COURSE

6374 Boston State Road
Hamburg, NY 14075
(716) 648-4410
Clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concession. 18 holes, par 71

HARBOUR POINTE COUNTRY CLUB

Routes 18 & 98
Waterport, NY 14571
(585) 682-3922
18 holes along the Oak Orchard River gorge, driving range.

HARRIS HILL GOLF CENTER

5360 Genesee Road
Bowmansville, NY
(716) 684-4653
Driving range, putting green, pro shop, lessons. 9 holes, par 27

HICKORY RIDGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

15816 Lynch Road
Holley, NY 14470
(585) 638-4653
18 holes, driving range, pro shop, lounge, party house seating 350.

HIDDEN ACRES EXECUTIVE GOLF

6287 Route 20A
Warsaw, NY 14569
(585) 237-2190
18 holes, 3030 yards, par 58. Club rental, cart rental, pro shop and snack bar.

HOLLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB (SP)

10438 Holland-Glenwood Road
Glenwood, NY 14069
(716) 537-2345
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concession, lounge. 18 holes, par 72

HYDE PARK GOLF COURSE

First Tee of Niagara Falls
4343 Porter Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
(716) 286-4956
www.niagara-usa.com
18 hole and two 9 hole courses. Restaurant, pro shop and an indoor driving range. Open seasonally; Apr - Oct, SU – SA 6am-9pm. Adult non-residents \$12, seniors before 3pm \$8.50.

KIS-N-GREENS GOLF COURSE

13822 North Road
Alden, NY
(716) 937-4741
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concession. 18 holes, par 72

LEROY COUNTRY CLUB

7759 East Main Road (Rt. 5)
LeRoy, NY 14482
(585) 768-7330
www.leroycc.com
18 holes, par 72

MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE

6 Woodland Drive
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 343-0837
Short course with challenging 3-4 par holes. Perfect for beginners. 9 holes, par 33

MURPH'S DRIVING RANGE L.L.C.

204 South Main Street (Rt. 39)
Perry, NY 14530
(585) 237-2200
Driving range with snack shop.
Open Apr - Oct, 9:30am - dusk

NEWFANE PRO-AM PAR 3

2501 North Main Street (Route 78)
Newfane, NY 14108
(716) 778-8302
Open May – Sep, dawn - dusk.

NEW YORK STATE GOLF COURSE

Grand Island, NY
(716) 773-4668
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, golf carts, lessons, concessions, lounge. 18 holes, par 72

NIAGARA COUNTY GOLF COURSE

314 Davidson Road
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 439-7954
www.niagara-usa.com
Bar, lessons, driving range, pro shop, and riding carts. Open seasonally, dawn - dusk.

NIAGARA'S GOLF WONDERLAND

2609 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 731-5155
Indoor (dome) and outdoor driving range; open year round.

NIAGARA ORLEANS COUNTRY CLUB

P.O. Box 108
8981 Telegraph Road
Middleport, NY 14105
(716) 731-9000
18 holes, Restaurant: casual/\$5-\$10. Open daily, 7am – 10pm

OAK RUN GOLF CLUB

4185 Lake Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 434-8851
Bar, restaurant, lessons, pro shop, and riding carts. Open seasonally, Apr - Oct

OAKWOOD GOLF COURSE

Tonawanda Creek Road
Amherst, NY 14228
(716) 689-1421
Driving range, clubhouse, putting green, pro shop, lessons, concession. 9 holes, par 35

PAP PAP'S PAR 3

3431 Gaines Basin Road
Albion, NY 14411
(585) 589-4004
9 holes along the Erie Canal.

PINE MEADOWS GOLF CLUB

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Clarence, NY 14031
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QUIET TIMES GOLF COURSE

2220 Stedman Road
Attica, NY 14011
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18 holes, 3912 yards, par 62. Club rental and cart rental.

RED OAK DRIVING RANGE

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Holley, NY 14470
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Waterport, NY 14571
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7795 DeWitt Road
Pike, NY 14130
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12089 Clarence Center Road
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Sanborn, NY 14132
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Hamburg, NY 14075

(716) 649-2754

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Lockport, NY 14094

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Lyndonville, NY 14098

(585) 765-2630

9 hole, par 3 course, clubhouse, lounge.

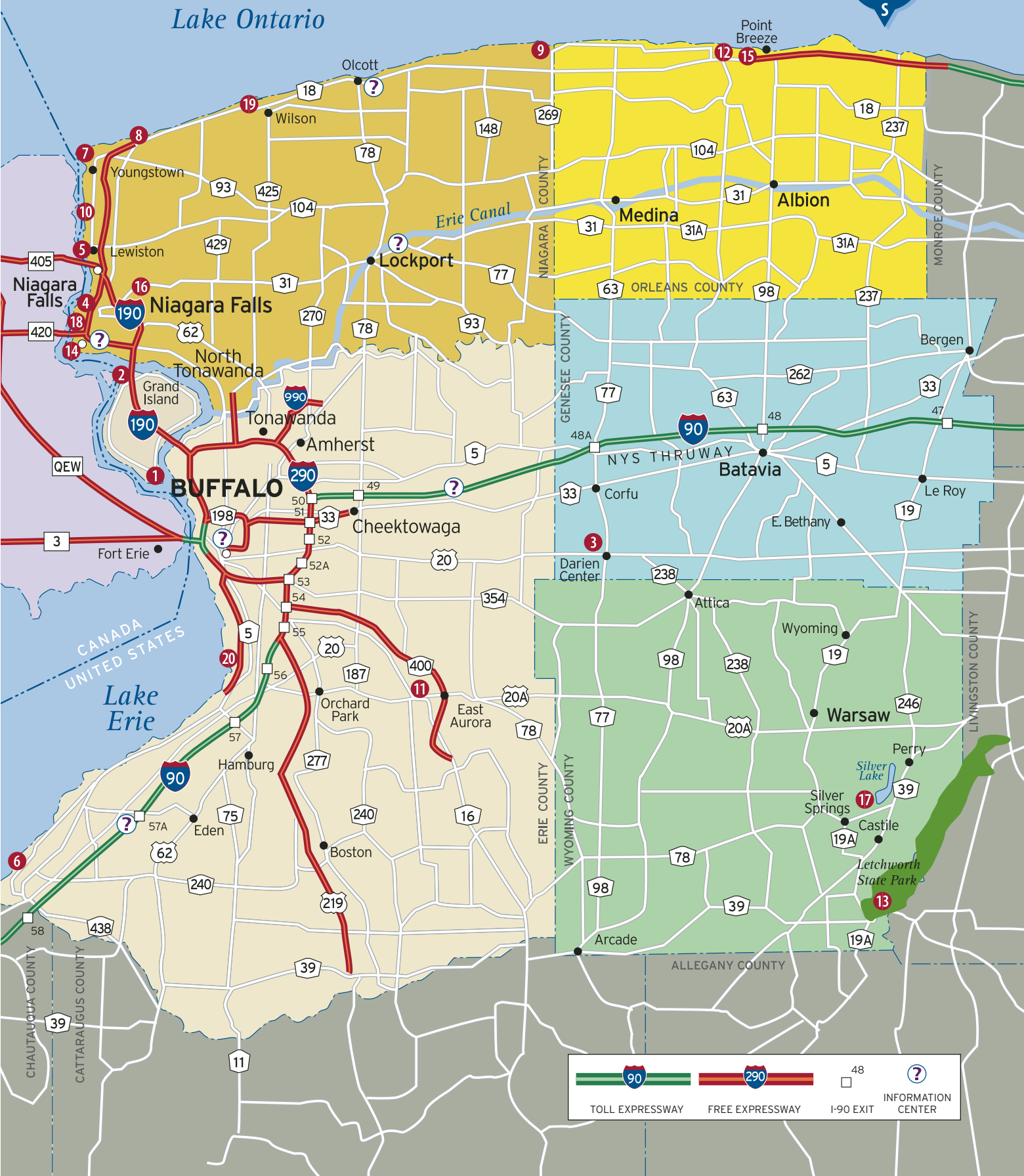
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NEW YORK STATE PARKS IN THE GREATER NIAGARA REGION

Some activities are limited or seasonal. Call each park for hours and availability. All parks listed accept the Empire Passport.

ON MAP	NAME	ADDRESS (all in New York)	PHONE NO.	AMENITIES
1	Beaver Island State Park	2136 West Oakfield Rd., Grand Island	(716) 773-3271	Beach, biking, cross country skiing, dockage, fishing, food, golf, hunting, ice fishing, marina, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, recreation programs, sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing
2	Buckhorn Island State Park	5805 East River Rd., Grand Island	(716) 773-3271	Biking, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, nature trail
3	Darien Lake State Park	10289 Harlow Rd., Darien Center	(585) 547-9242 / (585) 547-9481	Beach, biking, bridle path, cross country skiing, dumping stations, fishing, hiking, hunting, ice skating, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, recreation programs, showers, snowmobiling, tent/trailer sites
4	Devil's Hole State Park	Robert Moses Pkwy., Niagara Falls	(716) 284-4691	Cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, nature trail, picnic tables, snowshoeing
5	Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park	150 South 4th St., Lewiston	(716) 754-9000	Cross country skiing, fishing, food, hiking, nature trail, pavilions, performing arts center, picnic tables, recreation programs
6	Evangola State Park	10191 Old Lake Shore Rd., Irving	(716) 549-1802	Beach, biking, cross country skiing, dumping stations, fishing, food, hiking, hunting, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, playing fields, showers, snowmobiling, tent/trailer sites
7	Fort Niagara State Park	Route 18F, Youngstown	(716) 745-7273	Biking, boat launch, cross country skiing, fishing, food, hiking, hunting, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, playing fields, pool, powerboats, recreation area, showers, sledding, snowmobiling, tennis
8	Four Mile Creek State Park	Lake Rd., Youngstown	(716) 745-3802	Biking, camper recreation, dumping stations, fishing, food, hiking, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, recreation program, showers, tent/trailer sites
9	Golden Hill State Park	9691 Lower Lake Rd., Barker	(716) 795-3885 / (716) 795-3117	Biking, boat launch, camper recreation, cross country skiing, dumping stations, fishing, frisbee golf, hiking, hunting, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, playing fields, powerboats, recreation program, showers, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, tent/trailer sites
10	Joseph Davis State Park	4143 Lower River Rd., Lewiston	(716) 754-4596	Cross country skiing, frisbee golf, hiking, hunting, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, snowmobiling, snowshoeing
11	Knox Farm State Park	437 Buffalo Rd., East Aurora	(716) 655-7200 / (716) 652-2207	Biking, bridle path, cross country skiing, hiking, nature trail, snowshoeing
12	Lakeside Beach State Park	Route 18, Waterport	(585) 682-4888	Biking, camper recreation, cross country skiing, dumping station, fishing, food, hiking, hunting, pavilions, picnic tables, playing fields, recreation program, showers, snowmobiling, tent/trailer sites
13	Letchworth State Park	1 Letchworth State Park, Castile	(585) 493-3600	Biking, bridle path, cabins, camper recreation, cross country skiing, dumping station, fishing, food, hiking, hunting, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, pool, recreation program, showers, snowmobiling, tent/trailer sites
14	Niagara Falls State Park	Downtown Niagara Falls	(716) 278-1796 / (716) 278-1770	Biking, fishing, food, gift shop, hiking, museum, nature trail, picnic tables, recreation programs
15	Oak Orchard State Marine Park	Route 18, Waterport	(585) 682-4888	Boat launch, fishing, picnic tables, powerboats
16	Reservoir State Park	Route 31, town of Niagara	(716) 284-4691	Biking, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, nature trail, picnic tables, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, playing fields, sledding, snowmobiling, tennis
17	Silver Lake State Park	West Lake Rd., Silver Springs	(585) 493-3600	Boat launch, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnic tables, powerboats
18	Whirlpool State Park	Robert Moses Pkwy., Niagara Falls	(716) 284-4691	Biking, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground
19	Wilson-Tuscarora State Park	3371 Lake Rd., Wilson	(716) 751-6361	Beach, boat launch, cross country skiing, fishing, food, hiking, hunting, marina, nature trail, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, showers, snowmobiling, snowshoeing
20	Woodlawn Beach State Park	S-3585 Lake Shore Rd., Blasdell	(716) 826-1930 / (716) 827-0293	Beach, food, hiking, playground

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